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EMPIRE EXHIBITION

ALL GOING WELL

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, November 16.
The Duke of Devonshire, presiding at the first meeting of the executive council of the Empire Exhibition since the board was re-established, opined that there was every reason to regard the future confidently. Sir James Stevenson, dealing with the general progress, pointed out that the board was now assured that practically every part of the Empire would be represented at Wembley where the palaces of industries and engineering were already completed and had been handed over by the contractors. Sir Charles McLeod considered the financial position quite satisfactory. It was anticipated that the attendance at the exhibition would be at least thirty millions and the attainment of this number would ensure the financial success of the exhibition.

TOO PROUD TO PROTEST?

AMERICA AND HOHENZOLLERN'S

WASHINGTON, November 16.
It is understood that President Coolidge believes the American people will sympathize with any Allied move to prevent the restoration of the Hohenzollern's rulership of Germany but opines that the traditional policy of the American Government precludes it joining the Allies in protesting against the return of the ex-Crown Prince and the ex-Kaiser to Germany. Accordingly the American Government cannot act in the matter.

LITTLE WILLIE'S RETURN

EX-KAISER KEPT IN THE DARK

DOORN, November 16.
The ex-Kaiser in a communiqué says the return of the Crown Prince was prepared and carried out without his knowledge. He received a farewell letter from the ex-Crown Prince after he crossed the frontier. No courier came to Doorn with passport and he was entirely ignorant of the movement to restore the monarchy. Had he been consulted he would have objected to the departure of the ex-Crown Prince to Germany at present when the country was divided by internal disorders.

SETTLED AT LAST

HOME BOILERMAKERS' DISPUTE

LONDON, November 16.
The basis of a settlement of the boilermakers' dispute was reached at a conference at Edinburgh this evening. The terms of the agreement are subject to a ballot after which resumption of work will be arranged. Cheers and singing greeted the announcement of the settlement of the long drawn out dispute.

REPARATIONS

AMERICAN PAPER'S WARNING

NEW YORK, November 16.
In an editorial the Times says that if General Smuts' call for a reparations conference is not answered quickly in some practical way by assuring Germany to save herself there will be millions more cases in Europe needing charity.

GREEK REVOLT

OFFICERS' EXECUTIONS SUSPENDED

ATHENS, November 16.
Following the intercession of the Liberal party and press on behalf of the condemned Greek officers the Government has ordered the suspension of the executions "until further notice."

CHINESE COMMERCIAL MISSION

BANQUETTED IN PARIS

PARIS, November 16.
L'Association Franco-Chinoise gave a banquet to the Chinese commercial mission. M. Le Troquer, Minister of Public Works, presided, and many prominent French and Chinese were present.

POLITICAL MURDER?

MONMOUTH PATH MYSTERY

POLICE WHISTLE IN THE DARK

An Indian constable was on beat duty at Queen's Road East at about 9 o'clock last night when he heard a whistle blown in the direction of Monmouth Path. He immediately turned to the spot from which the alarm seemed to emanate and near a street lamp saw the body of a Chinese male, who was fairly well dressed. Upon examination revealed that the man had died and that he had a shot wound in the left arm and another in the chest.

No motive has been adduced for what looks like a murder nor has the victim been identified. It is believed that deceased was a Chinese official and his demise may have been the result of political enmity. The police are endeavouring to trace the person who blew the whistle as the person who has known something about the mystery.

Street boy, a Chinese girl, 14 years of age, was knocked down by a motor car as she was crossing the road near the entrance to the left of the road. The driver of the car, a Chinese, was arrested and the girl is now in hospital.

GERMAN CHAOS

QUESTION OF SANCTIONS

ALLIED OPINIONS DEFER.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, November 16.
In connection with the grave divergence of Anglo-French opinion in regard to the question of sanctions if the Reich fails to guarantee resumption of military control, well informed circles in London hope an agreement will be possible, but it is generally opined in Paris that Italy as well as Britain will refuse to join France and Belgium in taking sanctions which it is indicated may consist of an extension of the occupied area and a declaration that the Rhineland and Ruhr will be held "as long as Franco-Belgian security is menaced," meaning indefinitely. The British viewpoint is that the German action in regard to the Crown Prince and military control calls for a protest. Hasty action might add to the confusion in Germany but the necessity for deliberate, considered and, if possible, united measures is fully realised.

GERAL SMUTS FAREWELLED

SATISFIED WITH CONFERENCE RESULTS

LONDON, November 16.
A large company farewelled General Smuts at Waterloo, including the Netherlands Minister with whom he lengthily conversed in Dutch.

Interviewed by Reuter at Southampton prior to sailing for South Africa, General Smuts expressed much satisfaction with the result of the conference which had been of distinct advantage to the Dominions, which also stood to reap a material advantage if the preferences offered by the British Government were confirmed by the electorate. But whatever the result of the elections, the system of preferences now initiated would be developed as between the Dominions themselves. Negotiations were already afoot in that regard.

EMPIRE DEFENCE

AUSTRALIAN PREMIER'S VIEW

LONDON, November 16.
Mr. Bruce, reviewing the work of the Imperial Conference, says that the resolutions passed on the subject of defence accord with Australian views. The maintenance of a one-power naval standard with the necessary bases for repair and fuel facilities is imperative for the adequate safeguarding of the maritime communications of the Empire. The provision of a base at Singapore and the maintenance of great trade routes eastward through the Mediterranean and Red Sea were of special interest to Australia.

THE RENTENMARK

ISSUE BEGUN YESTERDAY

BERLIN, November 16.
The cabinet has decided to devote a hundred million Rentenmarks out of the total of nine hundred million placed at the disposal of the Government by the Rentenbank to the continued payment of subsidies to the occupied territories, especially unemployment doles. The issue of Rentenmarks began to-day.

FOOD FOR GERMANY

AMERICAN LOAN SCHEME

NEW YORK, November 16.
A message from Washington states that the administration was considering a loan to Germany of \$150,000,000 for the purchase of food in the United States, thus also assisting the American agricultural industry. The supervisor of the expenditure would be entrusted to Mr. Hoover.

NEW DUTCH CABINET

THE HAGUE, November 16.
The Queen has asked the Catholic Deputy Koolen, President of the Second Chamber, to form a cabinet.

U.S. PRESIDENCY

OMAHA, November 16

Mr. McAdoo, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, has indicated his willingness to stand for the Presidency on the Democratic ticket.

THE CORONET

"The Love Flower" the beautiful romance made by D.W. Griffith, will be shown for two more days at the Coronet.

Much admiration has been expressed for the masterful way in which the strong story of the film has been presented on the screen. The picture is a rank with Griffith's previous successes as a plot-play far above the average. On Monday Jack Pickford is scheduled in a rapidly moving picture of the early American period.

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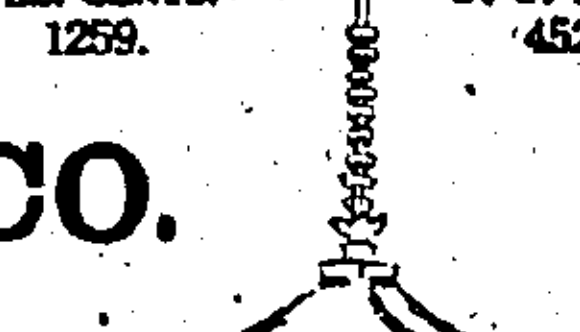
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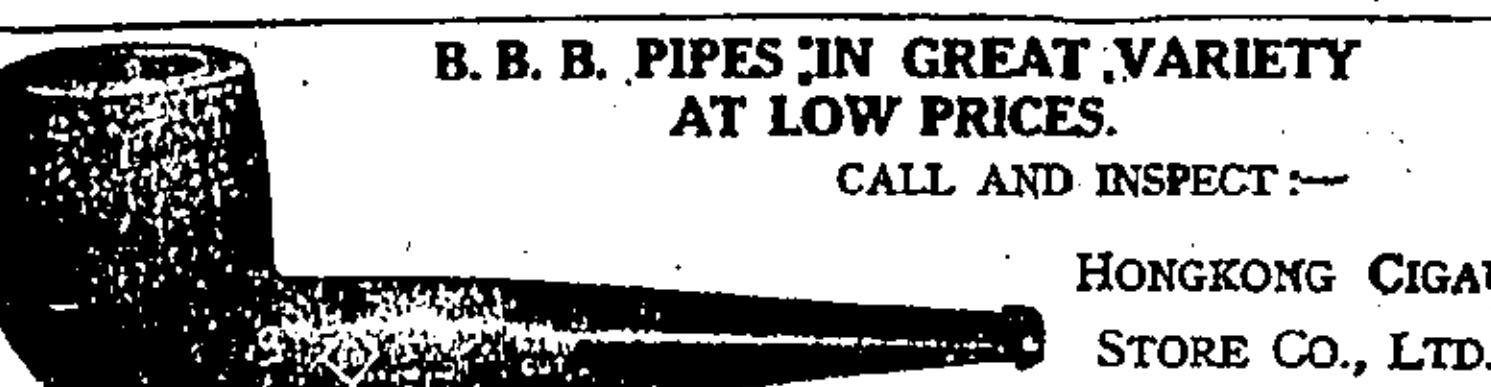
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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, NOV. 17, 1923.

A BITTER WEED.

"But England is such a little place," a nephew of the great Napoleon is supposed to have said to him. "Yes," was the reply, "but bitter weeds grow there." Hong-kong is such a little place, but bitter weeds grow there—bitter economic weeds, we mean, and the bitterest one at the moment is the one of housing and rents in the case of Europeans whose lot it is for good or ill, to have to live here. This matter of the shortage of houses has now reached the ears of the great ones in London. It has, in a limited sense, been the subject of a question and a reply in the House of Commons, and the world now knows that only those Chatterboxes who are sent to Hongkong who are prepared to come to this Island spot minus their families. There is no room in the Inn so to speak, for such exorbitant prices as families. We know not what a Chatterbox is, or his exact value in our wonderful order of creation; but someone has deemed his class and his grievance worthy of publicity in the greatest assembly in the world. It is the latter fact that seems to make the matter so absurd; there is something about it all which suggests that the true facts either are not fully known, or if they are have not been indicated. Our sophisticated ones will probably imagine that the results of the war have spread to this fragrant spot and that we are in the throes that beset England, when the demand for houses set in and could not then and at once be met; whereas we are suffering from the abnormality of an unprecedented

land boom, due in the main to the state of chaos and unrest in the neighbouring province, and also to the fact of the ineptitude, willful it seems, until recently, of a Government immersed in copy-book maxims of ordinary economics based on ordinary supply and demand. The evolution of this land boom is interesting. It commenced during the war years. Then it was not so much the greedy Chinese land octopus, as it was the wealthy and large Japanese Commercial Houses who were paying large prices for favourably situated houses for their staffs. The matter excited comment and the lists of complainants, if we remember rightly, included a prominent local clergyman. These people had the money and they were buying, and it was noted that the positions were more than favourable—they included the luckless "beautiful view of the Harbour," and Yes! of the Naval Yard! *Verba sap.*

We have advanced since then, and the rents of European accommodation have not advanced—they have galloped, in advance of the ability to pay. Still it was an economic position, but a position which, literally forced the Government to its Rents Ordinance, for which there is general clamour for its continuance. The Government should make its mind known on this most vital and important matter without delay and not create an interval and suspense which is only adding to worry and making householders wonder where they are likely to be. The forty years lease scheme may be an admirable thing. It has yet to be tried. The houses have yet to be built. Cannot the storm-centre of Kwangtung, which is following on the capital which is finding and has found a safe anchorage in the Colony's land. Yes! Bitter weeds grow in this place, and the bitterest is the

George Bernard Shaw used to write occasionally for a literary page conducted by H. W. Nevinson. But there came a time when he jibbed at doing a column and a half or five musical books except on special terms. This is Nevinson's reply:—

Dear Sir—I am directed by the editor to inform you that he will see you damned before he gives you more than five pounds for the article in question.—Yours, etc.

Shaw's answer ran:—
Dear Sir—Please inform the editor that I will see him and you and the whole of the *Chronicle* staff boiled in Hell before I will do it for that money.—Yours, etc.

But Shaw wrote the article "with his reconstructed generosity."

turns on whether the pleasure proceeds or follows the pain. Thus, it is immoral to get drunk because the headache comes after the drinking, but if the headache comes first, and the drunkenness afterwards, it would be moral to get drunk.

Do you believe this?—
Alcohol. "Alcohol cannot transmute; it can only fortify: it cannot change a character; it can only increase it. Alcohol can only make the foolish more foolish; the cleverer cleverer; the amorous more amorous; and the prudent more prudent."

The quotation is from a book of the cleverest short stories it has ever been our lot to read. We are as but a child in the matter on which the author writes. Our favourite is a Sunday, and as is generally known this is the off season for Sundays. And so far Sundays do not fortify, they do not increase our characteristics, unless it be our waist line; neither do they make us more clever, or sad to state, more amorous. We are afraid it means us for alcohol. As a Kowloon roysterer has it:—

"And when I'm dead,
Don't bury me at all,
Just pickle my bones,
In a-alco-hol."

A delightful, if untruthful, conscious, criticism of swearing in Law Courts, occurred at Ealing Police Court. "Have you anything to say in answer to the officer's evidence?" a prisoner was asked. "Nothing, except to say that he is telling a solemn untruth," was the reply.

We have ere this commended the formation of Debating Societies and our very highly paid Leader writer applauded the suggestion of one for the Ex-Active Service Men's Club, who may or may not take it up. There is one for Chinese at the Y.M.C.A. and some of the subjects they tackle are to say the least interesting and of the sort that induce some thinking. Their last subject was: "What would be the wisest way for the Government to use its Surplus Funds?" That is a topical question and much to the point. It might well arrest the attention of others and produce some very valuable suggestions.

The late P. T. Barnum, who described himself as the "Prince of Humbugs," on leaving London, was extremely witty at the expense of the Bishop of London. Said the latter, "Well, good-bye, Mr. Barnum, I hope I shall see you in Heaven." "You will, if you are there," replied Barnum.

We agree with an American visitor who said that Hongkong's climate hadn't got a mind of its own. The past few days have borne out that statement. Sunshine throughout the day to the late afternoon and then a change. Probably all the ills we are heir to are due to the vagaries of our climate. It seems that what is needed are various standard grades of cloth of texture to meet the degrees of climate vouchsafed to us. These might be numbered one and upwards. Then our observatory people would need to be more evident. What we want of course is efficient warnings regarding typhoons but there should be daily indications of what clothes we should wear according to the weather. The Observers say we are going to have each day. A signal might be given each morning. A roundabout bomb might be decided on sufficiently loud to be heard in Kowloon and on the Peak. Thus if three rounds are heard at about 8.30 a.m., that would mean that grade three material should be worn that day. If two rounds are heard grade two suit on. If one round a good idea.

Our blithering remarks are those which come to us too late to be effective. A certain novelist had written a book in which it was stated that Mrs. Asquith was a very nice woman. It was a very nice book.

meet Mrs. Asquith at a social function the novelist assured the lady that she did not figure in his book at all. "And have you written a book?" quietly, and crushingly replied Margot. Lord Roberts was credited with the retort courteous once when a fussy person said to him:—"Ah, I passed your house this morning." "Thank you—thank you very much," returned "Bobs."

We may not have a voice in local affairs, but it is comforting to know that questions concerning our welfare may be broached in the House of Commons. All that is necessary is to write to your favourite Member of Parliament, state your facts, and lo and behold there is a question on the paper. "To ask the Secretary of State for the Colonies, whether he is aware of the fact that Hongkong is an Island altogether surrounded by snobbery, and if so, what he intends to do about it?" And the reply might well be—"The Secretary is aware of the fact. The Hon. gentleman's contention, but is pleased to state that H. E. the Governor of Hongkong has a scheme to combat this distressing state of affairs by co-opting members of the Sanitary and Education Boards on to the Legislative Council."

The following from *Radio Times* for October 5 will be of interest to our readers:—

Dear Sir—Kindly drop the sky pilots overboard. Sunday's drive was the limit. If you cannot do without them, I suggest letting them open the evening at 8 p.m.; then those who do not want to hear could easily avoid this; but for them to be in the middle of the programme is not agreeable. Yours faithfully,
A. M.
London, S.W.

Through a mouse
A mouse, having crept into the air gap between two 6,000 voltage cables, Aberdeen's electricity supply for motor power and lighting was cut off; the massive door of the switch-chamber at the generating station was blown out, the main cables and much machinery were wrecked, and the place was enshrouded in a curtain of flame and smoke. Serious disruption of tramcar traffic was caused, lighting gave out, and lifts were held up. One untoward incident of the breakdown was the "marooning" of a lady and three children in the lift-well of a large drapery warehouse. Shipping was also delayed, as the electrically-controlled gates of a swing bridge at the harbour were inoperative for over half an hour. The shattered body of the mouse was found.

This incident is responsible for the following clever verses in the *Morning Post*:—

TO A DEAD MOUSE.
(By the Shade of Robert Burns.)

"A sense of shame is in my breast,
I can't ye and a 'tin'rous beastie,
It seems that I was over wastie,
And if I may
I'll tak' it back, for that's the least,
ah?

That I can do!

"Ye wrecked a generatin' station
And caused a heap o' dislocation,
That trains were no in operation
For half an hour.
Gosh! I wad ha' thoct that such
generation
Was in your power!

"But, Mouse, must I tak' my pen
And write ye poem ower again?
I wrote that 'schemes o' mice and
men
Gang aft agley'
Your scheme was unco big—but
then
You're deid the day!"

W. H. B.

Has anyone ever had
SMOKING. an eye damaged by
the spark from a
smoker's cigar or cigarette? Has
anyone so damaged a claim on the
smoker? Smokers as a body seem
to be void of consideration. On
train cars for instance they
came not that the ashes, and worst
of all, the sparks from their "tubes,"
are blown by the wind into the
unoffending—we "hope," faces of
other passengers, much to their dis-
comfort and immediate danger.
Surely they can do without a whiff
while taking such a journey, or get
to a part of the car where they are
not likely to prove a source of
danger. Smokers please note.

What is the most final
thing in the world?
"Getting married" mur-
ders one; and those who are in that
condition, sadly or otherwise, shake
the head and say "It's a damned
good idea."

Our blithering remarks are those which come to us too late to be effective. A certain novelist had written a book in which it was stated that Mrs. Asquith was a very nice woman. It was a very nice book.

THE red monsters we call pillar-boxes that appeals one. It is an action which may have results so far-reaching that we cannot even conceive their extent: and an action which, when once done, can in no way be limited or repeated.

To-day's Poem.
(Unanswered.)

"Is that God's ribbon in the sky
To tie the worlds together?"
A sweet child asked,
On seeing Nature's rainbow belt
Worn after rainy weather.
"Or is it some of heaven's light
A-peeping through the floor
Or at an open door?
I wish I knew,
Don't you?"

She paused a moment,
Wondered, thought,
Then with a long-drawn sigh,
Was heard the old, old cry,
"I wish God told us more,
Don't you?"

—ELIZABETH PORTER GOULD.

WEATHER CALENDAR.
NOVEMBER 17.

1801. A very rainy morning. We walked into Esplanade before dinner. The coppices a beautiful brown. The oaks many, a very fine leafy shade. We stood a long time to look at the corner birch tree. The wind was among the light thin twigs, and they yielded to it, this way and that.—
Dorothy Wordsworth.

PROVIDENCE.

Confide ye aye in Providence for Providence is kind, and bear ye a life's changes, wif's calm and tranquil mind. The pressed and hummed on every side, has faith and ye'll pull through; for ilka blade o' grass, keeps its ain dapp o' dew.

ANON.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

November 17.—Coronet Theatre; Richard Barthelmess in "The Love Flower."

November 17.—Star Theatre; Herbert Rawlinson and Ellen Percy in "The Prisoner."

November 17.—World Theatre; Charles E. Mack in "Driven."

November 17.—The Grand Theatre; Mary Pickford in "Little Lord Fauntleroy."

November 18.—Star Theatre; Nazimova in "Salomé."

December 3.—Theatre Royal; Piano Recital by Mr. Harry Ore, 9.15 p.m.

December 1.—Next Tournament of the Hongkong Boxing Assn. at the Theatre Royal.

December 1.—Hongkong Jockey Club's extra gymkhana.

November 17.—Dancing at Palace Hotel, 9.15 p.m.

November 27.—The Hongkong Male Voice Choir, Cathedral Hall, 9.15 p.m.

December 8.—Hongkong Women's Guild and M. C. L.'s Grand Fête and sale of work in the grounds of Government House, 2 p.m.

November 10.—Lamont Bros., at Sales Rooms, a valuable collection of Postage Stamps, 5.15 p.m.

November 28.—Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., first ordinary yearly meeting at Hongkong Hotel, Noon.

November 17 to 23.—Share list open Hongkong Development Building and Savings Society Ltd.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Government Gazette notifies that the name of the Shun Wo Trading Coy. Ltd. has been struck off the Register.

Tenders are called in the Government Gazette for laying out King's Park, Kowloon, for recreation purposes and the construction of a 30-foot road.

A Royal proclamation announces that the new Home Parliament will meet on January 8, December 20, the date mentioned in the earlier cables, is the date to which Parliament has been formally prorogued.

It will be observed that with commendable enterprise, Lane Crawford and Co. are carrying out their Ladder Department into new and commodious show rooms under the Hongkong Hotel, which will be opened with an entirely new stock on and after Monday next. This will doubtless be appreciated by the ladies of Hongkong who will note this removal to suit their convenience.

CRAIGENGOWER CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD

At the Club House, Happy Valley, the annual meeting of the Craigengower Cricket Club was held last evening, Mr. C. H. Lyson, the President, occupying the chair. In the course of his speech, Mr. Lyson said that he regretted that he could not congratulate the club only on being able to fulfil all the fixtures. The results of contests in various branches of sport during the past year could not be called successful. He hoped that members would take a keener interest in the present season. It had been their misfortune during the last season or two to have some of their best players not playing for the Club but, on the other hand, they had given their help to rival Clubs. He appealed to them to return and give their support to Craigengower. It was only fitting that the club should mention their brilliant exponent of bowls, Mr. Omar. Not only was he chosen to play for Hongkong, but he also won the Championship of Hongkong. They were very proud of him, and hoped he might remain Hongkong's champion for years to come. Members who were billiard players would be pleased that there were two billiard tables instead of one. Thanks were due to Mr. A. A. Alves for donating a large sum of money towards the purchase of the additional table. The new wing of the Clubhouse had now been completed and he thought he was right in saying that they had one of the best Clubhouses for a sporting Club in the Colony. Their dances had proved very popular during the past seasons, and their hon. secretary deserved thanks for his energy in making these functions so successful. Since the last annual meeting 90 new members had been admitted and they had as many members as they could comfortably accommodate.

He very much regretted to record the deaths of the following members during the last twelve months: Messrs. H. S. Burleigh, M. A. Hancock, E. A. Johnson, L. Leon and L. C. Rodrigues.

Passing on to the matter of finances, the Chairman said he thought the financial standing of the Club was satisfactory. The accounts would speak for themselves.

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the Report and Accounts.

Mr. Kent seconded the motion for the adoption of the report and accounts which was carried unanimously.

The election of officers resulted in the following being elected: President, Mr. C. H. Lyson; Vice-President, Mr. B. W. Bradbury; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. D. K. Khara; Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. Basa; and the following Committee: Messrs. W. Allen, M. O'Brien, P. A. Dixon, A. E. Hall, E. Mowling, W. Kent, J. C. Barretto, and C. A. Grimes.

Mr. Greensill proposed that the entrance fee be raised from \$10 to \$20 and that the annual subscription fee be raised from \$10 to \$20.

There was some discussion on the merits of this on the advice of the Hon. Secretary it was eventually decided to not alter the annual subscription fee at all. The entrance fee was, however, raised from \$10 to \$20.

The meeting decided that the services of Mr. Rose in connection with the grounds of the Club should be recognised. The form of presentation was not decided upon, this being left in the hands of the Committee. It was stated that Mr. Rose had done much to bring the grounds of the Club into their present state. He put in a considerable amount of his spare time daily in looking after the gardens, tennis courts and bowling greens.

THE STAR.

"SALOME" TO-MORROW.

Kowloon residents will have the opportunity to-morrow of forming their own opinion of the much discussed "Salome," as it is to be shown at the Star for one day only.

"Salome" has caused an enormous amount of comment amongst film-goers in Hongkong, and its appearance in Kowloon will no doubt attract big houses.

The Star Big Week commences with this film; other big features being booked to follow, amongst them being "The Prisoner of Zenda," "Dr. Jack" and "Dead Game."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Special services are being held to-morrow at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

The S.S. "City of Paris" which left Southampton on October 20, duly reached Singapore on the 16th inst. and will arrive in Hongkong on the 22nd inst.

After falling from a train in the Western district and striking his head, a Chinese named Wong, who was travelling from the ferry to Sham Shui Po, was killed and his other limbs were mangled and had to be taken to hospital.

ONE OF THE CLASS.

Get Rid of the Terrible of Rheumatism.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

UNGODLY HONGKONG.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I cannot help but think that "Pittell" has bought a Cassell's quotation book (price one shilling and two pence—ten per cent off to "literary" men) and has gorged himself to repletion. I can understand him allying these apt "liftings" but why inflict them on a people who are as good as they ought to be, are only moderate drinkers and never say an unkind word?

Yours etc.
THEOSOPHIST.
Hongkong, November 16.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—I see a reference has been made to the Club in Queen's Road which has a shower bath, which I suppose is the Ex-Active Service Men's Club.

If so, when is this Club to be freed from the splanetic tosh of anonymous newspaper writers who refuse to come out into the light of day and make known their identity? We want to be left alone. Instead we have people writing, and others telling us what we should do. If we told them what they should do they wouldn't like it. One thing would be—"Shut up."

Yours, etc.,
MEMBER.
Hongkong, November 16.

THE POST OFFICE.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I have just read your remarks regarding the Post Office and would like to say that I think your suggestion a good one. I was in the Post Office this afternoon and it reminded me of the sight to be seen round Theatre doors in the days before order was introduced. The crowd was immense—all clamouring for attention. Mr. Lindsell might easily introduce a system. It might hereafter be known as the Lindsell Line and be a token to his initiative.

Yours etc.,
POSTAGE.
Hongkong, November 16, 1923.

GYMNASTICS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—May I, through the medium of your columns, call attention to a form of sport, which in the past held considerable interest, but which of late seems relegated to the limbo of forgotten things?

I refer to Gymnastics. It is, I suppose, the ambition of every healthy man to retain his youth as long as possible. That ambition, glorious as it is, can never be attained without some physical endeavour, and as time passes the will to make the endeavour becomes more and more subjected to the insidious calls of comfort, and the exigencies of everyday life. The effort can be made however, and few methods are more pleasant than gymnastics.

There are, I know, many whose relaxations are tennis, cricket and the like; those who keep themselves fit by means of long walks and the playing of week-end golf; those again who confine themselves to more strenuous sports such as football or rowing. At the same time, I feel convinced that there are men—who for various reasons do not participate in these or other sports—who would dearly like the chance of improving their health by some other means.

Such an opportunity now presents itself in the shape of what I would call "The Business Men's Gymnastic Class" which will be held in the Gymnasium of the Y.M.C.A. every Wednesday evening at 5.15 p.m. The management and instruction of the class, which commences on Wednesday, 5th December, will be in the capable hands of Mr. A. E. Dome, perhaps the best gymnast in the colony.

The Gymnasium itself is the finest in the Far East, and offers every facility for all kinds of gymnastic work, basket ball, and swimming. The intention of the class is, primarily, to afford an opportunity for those who have at some time been keen and interested in the sports to once again try their themselves fit. Secondly, if a sufficient amount of interest is evinced, to give a display.

I have been asked to state that full particulars can be obtained from Mr. D. C. Logan of Holyoak, Massey & Co., Ltd.—to whom all enquiries should be addressed—and to ask all gymnasts to rally round and give the venture the support it justly deserves.

Thanking you for your courtesy.
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DOUBLE TRAGEDY. GERMAN COUPLE'S SUICIDE WERE POLICE TO BLAME?

The somewhat sensational circumstances under which a German named Hugo Amburg and his wife met their deaths recently were investigated at the Magistrate's yesterday by the Coroner, Mr. J. R. Wood, and a jury of three.

Mr. R. E. A. Webster, watched the proceedings on behalf of the Universal Pictures Corporation of New York, for whom the deceased man was their Far Eastern travelling agent.

Opening the inquiry, the Coroner said they had met to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the deaths of two persons, Hugo Amburg and his wife, who were, as far as they knew, German subjects. Their deaths occurred on the 6th November last and at that time they had arrived in the Colony only a very few days previously. They were then staying at the Hongkong Hotel. On the 5th inst. it was discovered that Mrs. Amburg had taken poison. She was sent to the Government Civil Hospital and she survived till the following day. On that day, in consequence of certain statements given to the police by the deceased, Mr. Amburg, was detained by the police and whilst under detention in the afternoon he was informed that his wife was dying and he jumped from the first floor verandah and was killed. The inquiry, concluded the Coroner, was purely formal, but there were two points of interest. The first was to find out whether the husband was in any way responsible for his wife's death and, secondly, whether the Police Department was in any way to blame for the circumstances surrounding the husband's death.

FRIENDS' STORY.

After evidence, had been given by Dr. Morrison, who was called in to attend Mrs. Amburg after she had taken poison and Mr. E. R. Dovey, the Government analyst, Mr. Clarence Darrow Ryan, an American salesman, living at Carnarvon Buildings, was called. He said he knew Mr. and Mrs. Amburg personally, though he had only met Mrs. Amburg once for a few minutes. After giving evidence as to the identification of the bodies at the Government Mortuary, Mr. Ryan went on to say that he had known Mr. Amburg for some time. He saw him either on the 2nd or the 3rd of November, and Amburg then told him that he had arrived on the 1st November. He next saw Amburg on the 5th at 5 p.m. in the corridor of the Hongkong Hotel. They just passed each other and as witness passed he gave him the greetings of the day and asked Amburg how he was. Amburg passed on and said he was all right. Witness saw him again on the following morning at about 10.15 o'clock. Amburg was then standing at the door of the bar room of the hotel. Amburg said he was in trouble and wished to speak to him. He said "My girl has taken poison." "At first I thought he was joking," continued the witness, "but he seemed so nervous and upset that I believed what he said. I asked if he had got a good doctor and recommended him to one. He then went away and told me that he had been informed that his wife was in good hands."

Proceeding witness said that Amburg then asked him to accompany him to the hospital, saying at the same time "You will stick to me, won't you?" Witness accompanied Amburg to the hospital. That was about 10.45 a.m. On arrival at the hospital Amburg went into a small receiving room and spoke to a nurse whilst he (witness) had a talk with Dr. Smalley. "I talked to him about my suspicions," added the witness.

The Coroner: What suspicions?

The witness: I was suspicious that he was going to commit suicide, as he had already told me that "if the girl dies I am going to join her."

Proceeding, witness said that he left Amburg at the hospital and then went to the Central Police Station where he met Mr. Wolfe (the Captain Superintendent of Police) just as he was leaving his office. Witness told Mr. Wolfe what he had already told Dr. Smalley, and Mr. Wolfe replied that Mr. Amburg would be taken care of. Witness then rushed back to the hospital, arriving there about 12.30 p.m. Amburg was still there.

The Coroner: What was the object of your visit to the Central Police Station?

The witness: The position is just this. I was his only friend in Hongkong and I thought it might be advisable to tell the police.

Continuing, witness said that when he arrived at the hospital the second time Amburg was talking to Sgt. Murphy. He seemed quite all right and was making a statement to the Sergeant. Later they came back to the Police Station at about 12.45 p.m. He could not say whether the police had detained Amburg or not. On arrival Amburg went in one room with Sgt. Murphy and he (witness) went into another with the spectator Pincott.

The Coroner: What did you tell Inspector Pincott? Did you tell

him that Amburg had threatened to take his life?—I cannot recall whether I did or not.

Witness said that did not finish the statement that day. At 2.20 it was broken off. He then went out into the corridor and saw Amburg, who was walking up and down. Witness joined him.

The Coroner: When you joined him what condition was he in?—He seemed very nervous. He was nervous about his wife.

The Coroner: What happened then?—We were walking up and down the verandah when he asked me to sit down for a moment which I did. He then asked me to give him my note book and pen which I also did. He then wrote down a name and an address. He continued to talk and I gathered that he seemed to think that he was being detained by the police.

Up to that time had you heard anybody tell him that he was detained?—No. He then said to me: "If anything happens notify the address I have given you and not my parents' address." I thought his mind was working back to the suicide turn.

Continuing, witness said that it was about this time that he overheard Inspector Pincott and Sgt. Murphy make a statement about dying depositions. Inspector Pincott spoke to Amburg. Witness could not hear all that was said, but he heard the words "dying depositions," and "calling a Magistrate."

"Then Amburg seemed to go to pieces," went on the witness. "He turned to me and said in great distress: 'My God, boy, she is dying.' Amburg then turned to Sgt. Murphy and leaned on him. We were then at the end of the corridor. I then turned to speak to Mr. Cheng, of the Magistrate's staff, and when I looked round again Amburg was gone. I next saw him on the pavement below."

DR. SMALLEY'S EVIDENCE.

Dr. Smalley, Medical Officer at the Government Civil Hospital, said that death in the case of Mr. Amburg was due to a fractured skull. He died five minutes after admittance to the hospital. He held a post-mortem examination in the case of Mrs. Amburg and found that death was due to poisoning by chloride of mercury.

Dr. Smalley then related the circumstances surrounding the admission of Mrs. Amburg to hospital. This was at 10 p.m. on the 5th. He was present when Mrs. Amburg was brought in. She showed symptoms of acute irritant poisoning. Her husband accompanied her to the hospital and he was very distressed. Mrs. Amburg had just a small chance that she might recover, but she gradually grew weaker and weaker and nothing could be done for her as she had taken such an enormous dose. Her case was hopeless. It was really hopeless from the beginning. She died at 2.25 a.m. on the 7th.

Witness then spoke of the visit of Amburg and Mr. Ryan to the hospital on the morning of the 6th. Amburg had stayed with his wife most of the night. In the morning Mr. Ryan came to see him (witness) and said that Mr. Amburg would probably commit suicide. "I agreed with him entirely," added Dr. Smalley, "so I rang up Central Police Station about 11.15 a.m. I spoke to the Inspector on duty in the charge-room and explained that there was a man in the hospital who wanted to commit suicide. I told him I could not keep him in the Asylum, but I said the man should be kept under some restraint. The Inspector said there was a side room which was used by Europeans and he thought that would do. This was all the conversation." Later on in the morning Sgt. Murphy arrived and witness called him into his office and told him what he thought of the case, stating that Amburg was in such a state of mind that he might commit suicide at any moment. Sgt. Murphy subsequently took Amburg and Mr. Ryan to the Central Police Station.

In reply to the Coroner, Dr. Smalley said he did not offer Amburg anything because it was useless.

Did you tell the police how to treat him?—No. I simply warned the police that he meant to commit suicide.

Inspector Pincott (through the Coroner): When you told Sgt. Murphy that Amburg should be kept by the police did you say anything else?—No.

Do you recall saying anything to him about the condition of Mr. Amburg's body?—Yes, I told him that the body was badly bruised and that Amburg had confessed that he had done it and that he had ill-treated his wife for some time.

The Coroner: Did you advise the police to detain him because of the ill-treatment to his wife?—No, that was not my idea. I didn't want him to commit suicide in the hospital. I must say that his wife was full of remorse at the time that she had taken poison and whilst she was in hospital she was full of affection for him.

AMBURG'S STATEMENT.

Sgt. Murphy said that on November 6th he went to the Government Civil Hospital at about 11 o'clock in the morning. He saw Amburg before going to see Dr. Smalley. Amburg then appeared to be quite sensible

Whilst he was taking a statement from Dr. Smalley he called witness into his office and tapped his head meaning to say, witness took it that Amburg was half mad. Dr. Smalley did not tell him that the deceased man was likely to commit suicide, but he said that Amburg had been ill-treating his wife and as he said this he touched his head.

The Coroner: When were you first informed that Amburg was likely to commit suicide?—Not by anybody.

Continuing, witness said that after he brought him back to the station he told Inspector Pincott that the Doctor had told him that Amburg had been ill-treating his wife. I took Amburg into a room by himself.

The Coroner: What was the object in taking him into a room?—I wanted to get a statement out of him about ill-treating his wife. I didn't write down what he said. This would be about 11.45 a.m. The conversation with Amburg in the room lasted about 10 minutes. He then volunteered to make a statement. I produce this statement.

The statement was put in and read out by the Coroner. It threw no fresh light on the tragedy but stated that Amburg had warned his wife about taking an overdose of a sleeping draught and that she had done so and then denied that she had. The statement went on to describe how when Amburg entered his bedroom at the hotel he found his wife kneeling on the bed. She then confessed that she had taken an overdose of the draught.

Witness said that it took the deceased an hour and a half to write the statement, which was quite brief.

The Coroner: Did you tell him he was being detained in connection with his ill-treatment of his wife?—No.

Witness said that after Amburg had finished the statement witness served him with a first notice.

The Coroner, for the benefit of the jury, explained that a first notice was a printed form used in the case of a serious illness or serious accident in which it was necessary to call in a Magistrate to take dying depositions to be used in connection with any future action which might crop up. The first notice was a preliminary notice generally served on a person likely to be the accused in a future action and it told him that arrangements were being made for a Magistrate to take the dying depositions.

The witness, continuing, said that he wanted legal assistance and Mr. Cheng of the Magistrate's staff communicated with Mr. R. E. A. Webster. When Amburg made this request he was standing four feet away from the witness, who saw him suddenly leap off to a form and over the verandah. Witness tried to stop him but he was too late; the only thing he managed to do was to touch his coat. The distance he fell was 18 feet four inches.

The Coroner at this stage intimated his intention of adjourning, and informed Inspector Pincott that the jury would want to know what happened to Dr. Smalley's report to the Inspector on duty in the charge-room.

Inspector Pincott: The Captain Superintendent of Police is enquiring into that. We have no trace of having received it.

The Coroner: Well, I will want to know what happened to it and the second point we wish to clear up is the instructions issued to the police in connection with such cases, regarding the detention of such people in the side room. Are there any printed instructions, Inspector?

Inspector Pincott said that as far as he was aware there were none.

On the instructions of the Coroner, Inspector Pincott said that he would consult Mr. Perdue (the Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation).

The inquiry was then adjourned to this morning.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

H. E. the Governor has approved the appointment of Mr. R. E. Lindell as a member of the Subordinate Staff Board.

Mrs. Backhouse, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Byrne, Major and Mrs. F. M. Byrne, and Mr. and Mrs. Ullmann, were passengers on the outgoing "Empress of Canada."

Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith, late of Hongkong, was the soloist at the last concert of the Shanghai Municipal Orchestra, playing Beethoven's Concerto in C Minor.

A Renter cable states that His Majesty has conferred a peerage on Lord Robert Cecil. He has been medically advised to avoid undue exertions and in view of the forthcoming meeting of the Council of the League of Nations, will not participate in the general election.

Esses Rheumatic Pains.

A lady writes: "I suffered from rheumatic pains in my arms and shoulders for some time. I was unable to do my work. I was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I rubbed on the balm and in ten minutes the pain was gone. I am now able to do my work and I am very grateful to Chamberlain's Pain Balm."

RUGGER "RAGGINGS." (BY "SCRIMMAGE.")

When will the Club's selection committee discover that four or five hard working forwards and three or four quick "Wingers" endeavouring to catch the eye of fair spectators do not constitute a pack? This is a state of affairs which to my mind has accounted for many of the reverses sustained by the Club in the last couple of years. It was again in evidence in their match against "Wayfoong" last Saturday. I have everything to say in favour of fast, quick, breaking forwards but when two or three break away so quickly that they are rarely within ten yards of the spot where the work is being done, it is time that something was said to the gentlemen in question.

The Bank are to be complimented on their effort last Saturday. In the first half it looked as if it might be a walk over for the Club but the tiredness of Club forwards in the second half enabled the Bank pack to take command forward and had their three been more proficient the final score would probably have shown a balance in their favour.

On Saturday, the Club meet the Navy on the Club ground at 4 p.m. Whilst this is not a Cup Tie, it will be something of a guide to the relative worth of the two sides as both will be practically at full strength. The Club side will, in all probability, be as follows:—

King;
Skinner, Easterbrook, Cleland, Logan;
Owen and Clerk
Forsyth, Ralston, Adams, Andrews,
Jordain, Lee, Graves, Day.

The forwards look a really useful lot having both speed and their fair share of weight. King at back did very well against the Bank last Saturday and should settle down into a really sound player. Of the three quarters Skinner and Logan are quite fast and can be relied upon to take advantage of opportunities as they come along. Cleland as a centre appears quite good and I must say that I like the style of the young player Easterbrook. When they have played together more they should prove a very useful combination. Clerk at scrum half is a distinctly good and very plucky player whilst Owen is making his debut. I shall watch him with interest. When, by the way, am I likely to see Bowker out again? The membership ticket to hand shows him as vice captain.

A small grouse. Is it possible for the team Secretary to send particulars of the team along a little earlier in the week? There are several of us old stagers, too far on in years to compete actively ourselves, who are still interested and would like to know what is about to happen.

Rumours of an Interport game are current. I hear that it may possibly be played here on New Year's Day.

I had no meant to mention it but who is the "driveller," who talks about 13 a side rugger? Does he know anything about the game at all?

I am offering no excuses if I am rubbing it in too strong Mr. Club forward but if to shine in the Public's eye is necessary to you do take up some other game. Remember games are won or lost by forwards. If they are not content to play for their side, doing the graft and leaving the backs to shine, then they had better take up some other game, or better still become critics. Lots of people will read the stuff you write to the papers you know.

Well good luck in the Cap competitions this year Club. I am very anxious for the best side to win but it is time the Cup was recovered from the Navy.

The jury at a Paddington inquest on a woman who was knocked down by a motor lorry, added a rider to their verdict of Accidental Death that persons obtaining motor-driving licences should pass a test satisfactory to the licensing authorities.

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SMALL-POX CASE. MAXIMUM FINES IMPOSED.

CHINESE WHO FAILED TO NOTIFY.

Maximum fines were imposed out by Mr. N. L. Smith this morning, to a Chinese who was charged with dumping the dead body of a girl, 13 years of age, and failing to notify the occurrence of a case of small-pox.

Dr. Pearce, Medical Officer of Health, was present on behalf of the prosecution and Mr. O. H. Lyson defended.

Evidence was given by an Indian constable to seeing the body dumped and finding that death was due to small-pox.

After the witnesses for the defence had also been called, His Worship imposed a fine of \$250 being the maximum amounts for the two offences.

COLOFN Y CYMRO.

Yn mis Medi cyfarfu llu mawr o Ryddfrydwr yr adran colliuwaidd yn Llandrindod. Y prif siarndwr oedd y diweddar Prif Weinidog Mr. D. Lloyd George. Siarodd fel arfer yn hyawdl ac yn ngwyr ei awrddi deilodd a'r admodur Awgrymau os cedwid y rhwyg yn mlaen yr effeithiau bynnay i gael Llywodreth Sosialaidd i awdurdod, a byddau-hyn mor dinstrol i'n gwlad ag ydyw wedi bod yn Rwsia.

Rhai misodd yn ol bu farw yn annisgwyladwy y Parch Silas Morris Prifathro Coleg y Bedyddwyr yn Mangor, a bu rhaid llenwi'r bwlch. Dewiswyd yr Iestbro T. J. Evans yn Brifathro yn ddiwrthwynebiad ac or boddlonrwydd cyffredinol. Allan o bump o ymgaiswyr am y gddair y Boeg (Greek Chair) dewiswyd y bardd enwog Gwili gyda mwyafrif anrhyddus. Dymunir iddo lwyddiant mawr iawn. Mae yn awr yn ei lo ac yn gynnwys iawn ar ei gyfwr.

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CHURCH NOTES.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH
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THE EPISTLE

(Using Epistle and Gospel for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.)

It is very fitting that in the last portion of his Epistle to the Romans, St. Paul should have written his eulogy on the secular power, on the "Ruler that beareth the sword." For St. Paul was preaching the Gospel in the Mediterranean world at the time when the Roman Emperors were carrying out a great political reformation. Influenced by the great example of Julius Caesar they had thrown aside the narrow parochialism of the old Roman Republic. They aimed at a government, which instead of sacrificing the provinces to the central capital, should give to each a fair share of attention and a fair share of privileges. They were in fact making in the political world a somewhat similar effort to that which St. Paul was making in the religious world. In both cases universalism was the final goal.

The Apostle saw the whole situation much more clearly than the emperors did. "And this was only natural because his view of the Church included the Empire as the framework in which the Church existed, while their view excluded the Church, or regarded it as a troublesome sect that lay outside their ideal. St. Paul writes as if it were possible for the two views to coalesce. To him the emperor is the minister of God, doing for God certain very necessary work, a source of strength to men who live uprightly, but a terror to evil-doers.

A few years later, it would have been very difficult for St. Paul to have written in this strain. For he was lying in prison waiting death at the hand of that very power which was to be a terror to evil-doers. And this Neroian persecution was but the beginning of a series of fierce persecutions, by which the emperors endeavoured to kill outright the infant Church. For they saw in it not a complementary power, which was doing in the spiritual domain, what they were doing in the secular, but a rival power, entirely refused to come to terms with it. If it be asked how this happened the answer is a very simple one. The emperor, recognising that their vast political structure needed a religious foundation, those emperor-worship for this purpose. Instead of being the ministers of God they arrogated to themselves the claims of God. Even while they did it, they realised that they were humbugs. The greater minds among them either refused to push the policy to its logical conclusion like Trajan who told Pliny that Christians were not to be hunted out, or else like Julian endeavoured to escape from the absurdity of the situation by an endeavour to galvanise with life some old pagan conception. Thus the Christian Church was first at grips with emperor-worship and then with the religion of Mithras. Through the age of history St. Paul's ideal of a state, Christian in spirit and in form, has remained unfulfilled, though great kings like Alfred of England; St. Louis of France, Frederick Barbarossa of Germany, and in modern times, great statesmen like Abraham Lincoln and William Gladstone have never lost sight of it.

THE GOSPEL

There is a peculiar appropriateness in the juxtaposition of the

two incidents that form the Gospel. The quelling of the storm at sea is followed by the healing of the Gadarene demoniac. The storm represents the abnormal in nature. The harmony of the elements is disturbed; the sense of peace and security disappear. Great dramatics have used storms to heighten the effect of their tragedy. Perhaps the most notable example of this is the storm in King Lear. It comes on that very night when the king is exposed to the grossest ingratitude of his two selfish and cruel daughters. The homeless monarch, forsaken in the way the elements are conspiring with his unnatural children. "I call you," he says addressing the elements, "Servile ministers." That, have with two pernicious daughters joined. "Your high-angered battles against a head." "So old and white as this. O! O! O! O! O!"

And then, as the tragedy unfolds Lear himself gradually joins the elements in their abnormal state. His mind gives way under the storm of passion that have been all the night whipping over it. In the Gospel the storm is over, the wind has died down, the dark clouds have been scattered by the morning sun, and the boat men securely in the beach, when the demoniac comes out from among the tombs and with wild gestures bids Jesus be gone. "What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God?" The unrest in nature is followed by the abnormal in the mind of man. The peace which Christ had imposed upon the winds and the waves had now to be given to a perverted human spirit.

Every reader will notice a curious discrepancy in the story as told by St. Matthew. He speaks of two demoniacs, St. Mark and St. Luke know only one. There are several possible explanations of this, though none of them perhaps is entirely satisfactory. Both St. Matthew and St. Mark may have been quite accurate from a different point of view. There may have been two demoniacs but only one may have been the spokesman, and only one may have been converted as well as healed. It should be noted that in the shorter account given in St. Matthew there is nothing about conversion.

The main interest of the whole incident is undoubtedly connected with the method by which our Lord brought about the cure. For, this entailed the loss of the swine and this was not only resented at the time, but has been the occasion of much criticism since. To some the story has seemed ridiculous, and they can admit of no possible connection between the madman and the swine. To others, again, the facts appear unjust and they ask why the citizens should be penalised by a serious loss of property in order that a cure may be performed. Note the less the story will in all probability remain as a satisfactory statement to anyone who will take the trouble to consider the whole setting in which it is placed. The city of Gadara represented a district that was Greek rather than Jewish in its character, and hence the great herd of swine. It represented also the city life as opposed to the rural life. A very different type of man lived there than the fishing type from which Jesus drew so many of his apostles. Greek villas, complete with the luxury of the first century, crowned the hills; Roman barracks in which lodged the legionaries frowned down upon the smiling lake—this was a world of material prosperity and imperial power. And one result of either Greek luxury or Roman cruelty met our Lord on his visit to this district. It was the man possessed with many devils. The product of his surroundings he was yet a nuisance to his fellows. They had endeavoured, not to cure him, but to control him with chains. In that selfish world there was no asylum and no hospital. But his cure was not impossible provided that his fellow-men would make sacrifices of their material wealth. There is an economic as well as a psychological reason for the loss of the swine. But the lesson was not then understood, and the people of that mankind would depart out of their coats.

VISITING

Among the many interesting papers read at the recent Church Congress in England was a splendid one by Rev. H.E.H. Probyn on "Religious Conditions of the Country Parish." He insisted that others had done on the value of visiting, and told of an old man who would never tolerate a visit of less than an hour. "I like you better than the other man, the aged invalid said one day to his parish priest. 'How is that?' said the priest. 'Oh, he was too much of the gentleman,' he replied. 'There is nothing of the sort about you.' Further, the speaker suggested that the 'Trade' might be asked to allow public houses in the country villages to be closed during the lives of services. He had some capital suggestions to make about parish magazines, and he concluded by urging that the country parish offered a unique ideal of cultivating the type of character sketched in the Beatitudes. And the Beatitudes, he thought, had never been better summarised than by a little girl recently in an examination paper. 'What are the Beatitudes?' was the question; and the little girl's answer was, 'The attitudes in which we ought to be.'

AN EASTERN LEGEND

Beside the sun-smit road, 'tis said,
A feast for lies, a dead dog lay;
And all who passed there with
Averted head
Sped by it on their way.

Christ passing with the Twelve,
'Tis said
Paused by the thing which
Severally
They scoffed or scorned, or cursed
From tail to head
Thus they, while silent He.

When all had ceased, he raised his
head;
'See ye no more, than foulness!
nay!
Pearls are not whiter than its
teeth' 'tis said
He said, while silent they.
(Norman Ault.)

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Evangelist, 4, 23, 31.
Matins (11 a.m.)
Responses: Psalm: Venite: No. 3 (Mk. 16); Psalm: 14 (Ouseley); Te Deum: Woodward, 2nd; Gloria: 15; Benedictus: No. 7 (Bever); Hymns: 230 (2nd Tune), 108 (2nd Version).
Holy Communion (4 o'clock).
Evangelist (6 p.m.)
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The story has to do with Stella Bevan, whose father returns from serving an undeserved sentence in prison to find himself a social alien in his home town and the breach between him and his unsympathetic wife is widened by Bevan's affection, and his wife's hatred for his daughter by his first wife.

Bevan meets the man, Crane, who sent him "up" and Bevan and his daughter decide to go away and start over again. On their way Bevan is informed of his wife's infidelity and goes back to prove the charge. During a quarrel, the man in the case is shot. Crane immediately determines it a murder and intercepts the daughter on her way to the boat, but Bevan coming up from the rear makes a captive of the detective, until he and his daughter have embarked. They land on a South Sea uncharted island, where Stella meets a young chap on his way to the port from which she and her father had fled. In the knowledge of the mutual attraction which springs up between them, this Boy does not understand her terror for him, but yields to her unexplained entreaties to go away.

The Boy, Sanders, arrives at the port and Crane, who has heard rumors of a man and a girl living on a deserted island, arranges passage back with the unsuspecting Sanders on his cargo vessel. On their arrival at the island, Stella, seeing Crane, refuses to talk to Sanders, believing that he has brought Crane there deliberately. She sinks Sanders' boat and attempts by various means to murder either Crane, or both Crane and Sanders, planning such undertakings to the extreme of including herself, so as to save her father from being taken back to the mainland and tried for murder.

During the time, the three men and this girl are marooned on the island, a complete understanding is reached between Stella and Sanders, and together they plot to save her father. No end of excitement is created when Crane attracts the attention of his assistants on the faraway island. But in a tremendous battle, Crane believes he has killed his man by casting him over a cliff. Bevan saves herself and with the detective the happy pair sail away, only to return later as man and wife to join him on the island.

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"DEAD GAME."

HOOT GIBSON'S FINE PICTURE.

Hoot Gibson won the world's championship as a cowboy and trick horseman in a Pendleton, Oregon, roundup several years ago. No one else has successfully sought the title.

Fans like to see the Gibson horsemanship on the screen. For that matter, any time a man can do something special the fans want to know about it. He is welcome on the screen if the public has anything to say about it.

But there are many kinds of horsemanship. There are the simple tricks of a rider who has a good mount and a good saddle under him. There are the rope tricks, the saddle-jumping tricks, the dismounting and the mounting tricks. But the strangest thing that Gibson has ever done for the screen will be seen in "Dead Game," a Universal picture coming to the Star Theatre next week.

In the story he is a man kidnapped and left in the desert to die. As he lies exhausted and weak against a cactus trunk, he hears a horse neighing. At first he doesn't believe it is possible that a horse could stray so far out into the desert. Then he realizes it is true, and he lies without a sound or movement until the beautiful black beast, saddleless and ropeless, approaches him suspiciously but inquisitively. Then starts a wild ride that ends in action, thrills and romance.

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That is an interesting question and a question that James W. Dean, prominent syndicate writer and motion picture critic knew would cause considerable comment. In fact, Mr. Dean began the controversy by syndicating a story through prominent newspapers throughout the country and thus started the ball rolling. He wrote:

"The barber was talking as he wielded his razor. Valentino is a great actor, he thinks, but William Farnum is greater. And who is his favorite actor of all? Harold Lloyd. Does he think Lloyd better than Chaplin. 'I should say,' he answers. 'Chaplin is always the same. Lloyd is always different.'"

"In a theatre a flash on the screen announced the coming of Harold Lloyd in 'Dr. Jack.' Said one man to another near me: 'I'll have to see that. That fellow's the funniest guy in the world.'"

"The other man asked him if he thought he was funnier than Chaplin."

"He's got Chaplin skinned seven different ways," he replied.

"In another theatre the main title of a release is flashed on the screen. It says 'Harold Lloyd in 'Dr. Jack,' and before the opening scene is disclosed there is a round of applause. The only time I have witnessed such an occurrence was on the first night of the showing of 'The Three Musketeers' when Douglas Fairbanks was there in person."

Mr. Dean goes even further than that, telling of the opinions of ten different people in different walks of life. Two preferred Chaplin while a housewife declared that she "liked Chaplin better in some ways but in other ways didn't like him as well as Lloyd."

It is a question bound to provoke interest. Any way, Harold Lloyd will be seen next week at the Star Theatre in "Dr. Jack" and then people can judge for themselves.

SALOME.

THE STAR WILL SHOW TO-MORROW.

Generally pronounced the most unusual film ever seen in Hong-kong, "Salomé," the daring drama after Oscar Wilde's play, is announced for one day only at the Star to-morrow.

Opinion was sharply divided about this picture when it was shown here recently. Some people thought it objectionable, whilst others could not praise sufficiently its very "difference" from the type of picture with which the public is becoming only too sadly familiar. At any rate, "Salomé" is worth seeing.

TO-MORROW ONLY.

NAZIMOVA
IN
SALOME
AT
THE STAR

ing, if only to discover what enormous strides cinema producers have made in the last few years. It is safe to say that few stage impresarios could equal the work in "Salomé" as regards beauty and artistry of presentation. The settings are designed substantially after the Greek classic fashion, whilst the use of light and shadow in the camera work amounts to pure genius.

The story is familiar enough. In this instance, it is not sought to present "Salomé" in too unpleasing a light. All that is endeavored to imply is that she was merely capricious and impulsive, and not that wanton she is generally supposed to be in the popular mind. The climax is tremendous, and forms a fitting end to a startling production.

PRODUCING "GUY FAWKES."

Maurice Elvey has begun work on "Guy Fawkes," the Stoll picture production of the "Gunpowder Plot." To find really capable actors who resemble the historical personages figuring in Harrison Ainsworth's story was a difficult task. It would have been easy to secure the services of amateurs who resemble these characters, but Maurice Elvey has come to the conclusion that methods of screen acting and stage acting have so much in common that experience in the one is an invaluable help to the other.

The title role is in the exceedingly capable hands of Matheson Lang. Jerrold Robertshaw will appear as King James I., and Hugh Buckler as Catesby. The part of Father Garnet is entrusted to Edward O'Neil, one of the oldest British film actors and one who did an immense amount of work in the productions of the London Film Company.

Lionel D'Aragon, another very well-known actor, will appear as Lord Salisbury, and Shayle Gardner, who played the priest in "The Wandering Jew," is Humphrey Chatham, the hero. Robert English, whose first film work was seen in "The Fruitful Vine," is Sir William Redcliffe. Wyndham Guise is Winter, one of the conspirators, and Peter Dean, the boy to whom the story is told. Nina Vanna, who has played small parts in several films will enact the heroine.

POLAND—A KINGDOM.

The end of the war saw Poland a kingdom again after many years spent under the heel of Russia. This lends special interest to the Granger-Vita production, "The Memoirs of a Monk," which is a great story of life in the kingdom of Poland in the olden days.

It contains all the elements of popular appeal—a swiftly moving story, romance, love, jealousy, and intrigue.

This tale of a crime and its explanation has a background of gorgeous settings, and is wonderfully acted and produced.

THE STAR

TODAY at 5.30 and 9.15

LAST PERFORMANCES

HERBERT RAWLINSON

THE PRISONER

A Thrilling love tale, the scene of which is laid in Austria in the days of the Hapsburgs.

ORPHANS OF THE STORM

EARLY SHOWING AT THE CORONET.

Productions bearing the magic signature "D. W. Griffith" admitted stand out by themselves in modern film plays.

Griffiths is pronounced the greatest producer the screen has ever known, and it is only necessary to remember that he made "The Birth of a Nation," "Why Down East," and "Intolerance" to realize that the statement is essentially correct.

This being so, it is good news to hear that "Orphans of the Storm," Griffith's latest, and quite possibly his greatest, film, is booked for an early showing at the Coronet. The merit of the film can be judged from the fact that in a big competition run by a Home newspaper, which elicited hundreds of thousands of entries, "Orphans of the Storm" was placed first, with a tremendous majority over its nearest rival.

The scenes in this picture are conceived in the magnificent scale that only Griffiths is conversant with, and, of course, the cast includes all those loyal actors and actresses who have stood by the producer since his first popular success. "Orphans of the Storm" has received universal approval from the Press and public, and is sure to appeal to Hongkong people.

FILMS AT DARTMOOR.

Recently about 500 convicts at Dartmoor were entertained to a cinema show—the first given at the prison.

The picture was "Mighty Lak" a Rose, shown by Horace Judge, of Associated First National Pictures, Limited. The theme is the reform of a lawless band by the influence of music, and this perhaps appropriate subject was selected by the Rev. J. Haworth, Chief Chaplain of Prisons.

In the United States the Government has for some time past availed itself of the co-operation of leading film distributors to make such entertainment a regular feature of the big penal institutions; and the success of the experiment at Dartmoor makes it likely that similar departures may be allowed at other prisons.

TOLD HER A STORY.

MAKING A FILM ACTRESS CRY.

Tears sometimes symbolize sadness, sometimes gladness. To little Florence Egan they symbolized gladness, even though they were shed in a moment of sadness. This strange statement, paradoxical as it is, will probably bear explaining.

It was Mary Pickford who made Florence Egan cry. And it was the first time in her life that "America's Sweetheart" ever made a child shed tears. She felt so badly about it, did little Mary, that she, too, cried.

The tears, however, were quite necessary—that is, the little girl's tears. Mary's were not. A sad scene was being made for "Little Lord Fauntleroy." Florence Egan, playing the part of a little, oppressed tenant on the conscienceless old Earl of Dorncourt's estate, just simply had to cry. Now it isn't always easy for a child actress to cry. For Florence it was exceedingly difficult. Everybody tried to make her cry—especially Jack Pickford and Alfred E. Green, who were directing. Even Charles Rosher, the cameraman, took a hand. But it was no use.

Then it stepped little Mary, just like the heroine in a movie play at the psychological moment, and told Florence Egan a story. It was about a little girl who had lost her daddy, about the hardship and suffering this caused. She told this story in a low, tender voice, vibrant with emotion and deep with appeal. And Florence Egan, cried, not for one scene but for three.

The story Mary Pickford told was of her own early life. And it carried a double-headed barbed wire because Florence Egan's daddy, too, had died.

But sadness quickly gave way to gladness, for Miss Pickford gave the child a beautiful hand-embroidered dress with real lace on it—all because she did the scene so well. And the following Sunday, Florence Egan wore it to mass.

ROMANCE.

FILM FROM CASTLE CRANEYCROW.

One of those fascinating romantic tales with which George Barr McCutcheon has beguiled the world is the Universal attraction starring Herbert Rawlinson, "The Prisoner."

It was adapted from "Castle Craneycrow," a novel of Vienna and the neighboring castle-laden hills. The action is adventurous, the love theme unusual, and the setting elaborate. Rawlinson's role is that of a world traveller and adventurer who finds himself very bored of the dull life in Vienna, when suddenly romance appears in his path in the form of an old sweetheart, played by Eileen Percy. She is in the company of other American friends, impersonated by June Elvidge, Lincoln Stedman, Gertrude Linde, Lillian Langdon and others, and is engaged to a very pretentious mysterious prince, a role which is played by Edram Graggy in his polished manner. With the typically "un-bred" American spirit, the hero refuses to take the prince too seriously, and renews a courtship of the American school—which was rudely put to an end by her mother two years before. The story is a very interesting one, and is a real story.

TO-DAY AND
TO-MORROW

LAST
TWO
DAYS
— OF —

TO-DAY AND
TO-MORROW

D. W. GRIFFITH'S MASTERPIECE
"THE LOVE FLOWER"

An exotic romance of Tropic Seas

— with —

RICHARD BARTHELMESS AND CAROL DEMPSTER

It is hardly necessary at this time of day to tell the public that the presentation of a film by the maker of "Intolerance," "Hearts of the World," "Way Down East" etc. is a local cinema event of the first importance. "The Love Flower" abounds in "Griffith Touches" and is a fine starring story besides.

BOOKS

A FAMOUS FRENCH CLASSIC.

If thou art worn, and hard beset
With troubles that thou wouldst
forget,
If thou wouldst read a lesson that
will keep
Thy heart from fainting and thy
soul from sleep,
Go to the woods and hills! No
tears
Dim the sweet look that Nature
wears.

—Longfellow.

Or thou mayst be in the more
piteous case of having no troubles
at all—born idle, satiated, fed up,
etc., yet full of vague unrest, feeling
the truth of those other lines—

Absence of occupation is not rest;
A mind quite vacant is a mind
distressed.

Or you may be only a little trifled
on a damp and sunless Sunday,
suffering from inertia, a lazy dis-
temper in the bones, tired of mono-
tonous and commonplace surround-
ings, loathing at last the cynical and
superficial "tripe and onions" of the
Sunday papers, feeding but never
nourished on the chaff and husks of
the swineherd, and like the prodigal
son crying out at last, "I will arise
and go to my father!" Thus the
innate nobility of the soul survives;
thus man is haunted by his better
self; thus conscience and native
natural taste keep whispering to the
last (amid the garbage and refuse
and the crumbling ruins of life) if
only death persuades. Your whole
being crieth out, "My soul abhor-
reth this light bread." You may,
as I did, have an inspiration. You
say: "I will be more careless still;
go to—I will read a book, one of
the best in my collection." As
for me, I went to bed with *Gil Blas*,
and was soon happy and chuckling
with that satirical rogue, Le Sage,
at the success of whose masterpiece
it is said even Voltaire was jealous
and sought to decry the work that
all Paris was reading with delight.
What a wicked city! What a con-
tinuous author! And so for once
I failed to respond to the call of the
"woods and hills" of my Bonnie
Scotland and took a more romantic

flight back to the seventeenth cen-
tury and the happy vagabondage of
Sunny Spain. What a commentary
on life, then and now, there and
here, what a feast of fun and
philosophy in the magic pages of
Gil Blas! Extravagance, gross curi-
cature, biting criticism, mordant
wit, all are here, dished up in the
most appetising manner, mainly for
our own delight, but wholesomely
exposing in the process all the
weakness of human nature, all the
fantastic vices of society. Here, as
a writer says, are found "subtle and
poignant satire, profound knowledge
of human nature, wit and grace."
Le Sage's style is original and
delightful, graceful, facile, simple,
rapid. No translation can do it jus-
tice, yet the book is admirable in
every tongue. Reading these pro-
found yet sparkling pages the half-
boiled author, politician, priest,
philosopher, etc., cannot fail to note
how rare and how remote is real
excellence—which, if he be a small
man with a large conceit, may
detract a little from his pleasure in
reading the book; but, in taking a
little of the starch out of his virtue
and humbling him a little it may
leave him a better man; able at last
to stand up and know what his
greatest greatness is, which finding
at last, he may "work at it, believe,
live, be free." It has been said,
the fear of God is the beginning of
wisdom. We prefer to say, the fear
of genius is the beginning of taste—
and that is not a small matter!
Thackeray had a word for the sim-
ple-minded when he said: "Learn
to admire rightly; they admired great
things." To conclude this reflec-
tion: The reader of these greater
works may find that the true heaven
of authorship (of life and culture)
is much more distant and difficult
than the Christian heaven, and the
surer, surer reward of all the
greater, more heroic souls. Nor
as genius always Carlyle's infinite
capacity for taking pains. Here
also many are called and few are
chosen, the harvest is plentiful but
the labourers are few. Nature, in
her blind, inexorable, freakish pro-
cesses, has made it easy for some,
impossible for the many, to have
ordained only a few to everlasting
life, in which she seems as meagre
and partial as the Christian's God;

still, let the average man make the
most of the talent he has, conserve
it, nourish it, live, work, hope; he
never knows, he may have drawn a
prize-ticket in the lottery of exist-
ence. At the very least he may
have that infinite capacity for enjoy-
ment in the pages of a great book.

The robber captain excuses him-
self to Gil Blas in this fashion:—
"No, my lad, everyone likes to
prey upon his fellows: it is a
universal principle, though vari-
ously exerted. Conquerors (for
example) seize upon the terri-
tories of their neighbours; people
of quality borrow without any
intention of repaying; bankers,
treasurers, exchange-brokers,
clerks, and all kinds of mer-
chants, great and small, are not
a whit more conscientious. As
for the lawyers, I need not men-
tion them; everyone knows what
they are. I must own, however,
that they are somewhat more
humane than we; for we often put
innocent people to death, and they
sometimes save the lives of the
guilty."

So the captain of the thieves
apologizes for his profession, and
with the same logical sophistry,
were they as honest, so might some
more "honourable" men apologize
for theirs. Indeed there is hardly a
crime in the calendar but will find
its eloquent advocate in the human
breast concerned. If the numerous
affairs of gallantry in the book are
by some deemed "salacious"—as
some impure purists have consid-
ered the *Decameron* of Boccaccio—let
it comfort the shuddering moralist
to know that the author detests vice
and crime as much as he, but
would cure it in a more sensible
way—by making it ridiculous. The
book is Shakespearean in breadth
and depth of philosophy, and merely
holds the mirror up to Nature where
all may see themselves, perhaps
care themselves. The book was
written to amuse—and to satisfy the
artist and the critic in its creator—
but greatest truths are uttered in
its jestings. All didactics aside,
however, the reader will find in the
pages of *Gil Blas* a variety and
charm, a restful yet inspiring
atmosphere, a high-class entertain-
ment, a picturesque world of princes
and peasants, lords and commoners,
rogues and vagabonds, queens and
courtiers of the world and the
stage, strolling players, simpletons
and sharpers, and here and there an
honest man! If he has read the
book before, so much the better; if
long before, the better still, for then,
like returning to the richer scenes of
his happier youth, he will have the

added interest of old association—
that dear green mould that clings
about the garden of memory, which
we are so loath to scrape away with
the muck-rake of our modern
modernity. Surviving to over eighty
Le Sage was induced to add a later
volume to his masterpiece, but, like
his own *Archbishop of Granada*, he
had written too long; the form re-
mained, but the creative spirit was
gone. Whimsical to the last, he
concludes his great book thus:—
".....And to crown my felicity
heaven has blessed me with two
children whom I piously believe
to be my own, and whose educa-
tion shall be the amusement of
my old age."

—ANDREW MILLAR.

NEW NOVELS.

MISS ETHEL M. DELL'S
LATEST.

The new novel for which Miss
Ethel M. Dell's admirers have been
waiting is called "Tetherstones"
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perhaps the best she has written.
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ordinary people do quite extra-
ordinary things, and encounter and
overcome fearful risks to their lives,
their virtue, and their sanity. But
that is Miss Dell's lure."

Romantic chance comes to
Frances Thorold, a pale and rather
unhopeful type, dismissed in dis-
grace by her employer, an irritable
bishop who suspects an intrigue
with his nephew, Montague Rother-
by. Frances half accepts and half
dreads his masterful love.
They meet again in a wild moor-
land scene, dominated by the
Tetherstones, vast, forbidding
moorlands, to which, according to
tradition, the Druids used to bind
victims for sacrifice. At night
Frances is found in a collapsed state
by Ruth, a blind elfin child—ex-
quisitely realised by Miss Dell—who
leads her through the darkness to
safety and Tetherstones Farm.
Here Frances meets Arthur Der-
mot—a hero of true Dorian mould—
and by degrees penetrates the awful
secret, bound up in the seduction of
his sister, Nan, and her death—and
Montague Rotherby.

In this maze of passion and crime
Miss Dell has painted, with her
dexterous craftsmanship, the eternal

and enthralling conflict between the
two types of love—cave-man and
civilised—with Frances as the
prize.

UNUSUAL SHORT STORIES.

The Celestial Omnibus and Other
Stories. By E. M. Forster.

Even the first part of "Pharos
and Pharillon" is not, in our opin-
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of these stories which are dedicated
"To the memory of the Independent
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easily hear great things of
"Howards End" or "A Room With
a View," and E. M. Forster is a
novelist to be reckoned with—but
the title story of this volume,
"Other Kingdom," and "The Road
From Colonus" must like certain
bargains in real estate—be seen to
be appreciated. They are unusual
short stories. Paolo things and
supernatural things are handled
in a manner that rivals Algernon
Blackwood at his very best, and the
mind behind them is more truly
sapient. Here is a finished style
combined with unusual imaginative
invention.

This is one of the few books of
short stories of the day that should
become a permanent in the library
of the judicious book-buyer; here
are half a dozen tales that impress
themselves deeply upon the sensi-
tive perception. We are far from
hailing Mr. Forster as a great
writer, but he is certainly a remark-
ably good writer. He knows his
craft, and his mind is most curious
and searching. Better than Arthur
Machen he knows not only how to
create atmosphere, but how to tell
a good story with the proper com-
pleteness, how to satisfy one's
desire for structural unity. His
tales are comparatively brief, but
they are compressed to their essence
without thinning their richness.
There is a deal of allegory, if you
like, but the stories are stories first
of all, convincing in all their im-
probabilities. To us "The Celestial
Omnibus" itself is the gem of the
collection, but the others arouse
fertile speculation. "Wildly and
strangely beautiful," Rebecca West
has said of Forster's novels. The
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sophistry, humour, and fantasy are
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Desolate Splendor. By Michael
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The hero of "Desolate Splendor"
is a dissolute English squire, whose
only sober passion is to enlarge his

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HE KISSED HER—AND

SHE LEAPED FROM THE EXPRESS!

She had meant to leave her husband
—and had boarded the Montreal Express,
where the other man was waiting.

Her husband saw them meet, boarded
a tramp steamer and sailed for South
America, leaving no trace behind him.

Sickened by the first kiss of the man
with whom she was eloping, she leaped
from the flying express.

Years passed—years fraught with many
dangers for her and the man to whom she
was faithful—and then the never-ceasing
"call of home" brought him back to her.

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FILMS.

"THE LURE OF JADE."

RICH IN ROMANCE AND
ADVENTURE.

As the charming daughter of a
rear admiral, who because of a series
of tragic events becomes the exotic
and mysterious owner of an inn in
the South Seas, Pauline Frederick
has one of the greatest roles of her
career in "The Lure of Jade," an
R-C Picture, scheduled for screen-
ing at the World Theatre soon.
That Miss Frederick is one of the
really big personalities of the screen
and the stage, too, is established
beyond question by her brilliant per-
formance in "The Lure of Jade."
The story, from the facile pen of
Marion Orth, fits Miss Frederick as
snuggly as a new pair of gloves, but
beyond that is the fact that Miss
Frederick has a most exacting role
to portray, and she does it with all
the consummate skill of a true
artist.

At the outset Miss Frederick is
the charming daughter of Rear-
Admiral Vincent and one of the
most popular young women at the
naval base at which her father is
stationed. Life, there, however,
has its frictions and its troubles of
various sorts, and eventually a
scandal breaks of which Miss Vin-
cent, portrayed by Miss Frederick,
is blamelessly the victim. Her
father dies as a result of the shock
incident, to the scandal and the
daughter, frightened by the ruth-
lessness of Fate, goes off to the
South Seas, virtually an exile from
society.

These scenes, of course, afford
Miss Frederick splendid opportuni-
ties for real acting, of which she
takes full advantage. But it is in
the South Seas that she is at her
best—the exotic, languorous child
of Fate, who from the ease and
luxury of her former station has
become the keeper of a rooming and
gambling place frequented by the
wayfarers from many distant climes.
It is here that Miss Frederick is at
her absolute best, and her admirers
will have a chance to see some of the
greatest dramatic acting on the
screen when she confronts the man
and woman who were responsible
for her trouble.

A superb cast supports Miss Fre-
derick in "The Lure of Jade."
They are: E. M. Forster, John
Gilling, Tom Barry, Charles
Bentley, and O. Timothy.

"MIDNIGHT GUEST"

DRAMATIC FILM COMING TO
WORLD.

A picture that tells an important
truth as well as entertains, comes to
the World Theatre next Tuesday
in "The Midnight Guest."

"The Midnight Guest" is an all
star Universal production based on
an original story written by Rupert
Julian, the director of "Merry Go
Round," Universal's next million
dollar film spectacle. "The Mid-
night Guest" was transcribed to the
screen under the direction of George
Archambaud, whose most recent
success was "The Power of a Lie,"
that dynamic denunciation of deceit
that laid open for inspection a great
human fault.

It is a story of humanity. There
are three principal characters who
are three distinct types of human
beings, commonly known. One is
the confirmed cynic who believes in
nothing, another is the optimist who
believes only in good and refutes the
claim of evil and evil thought, while
the third is the commonest victim
of evil thought, and the cynic's
slander, the woman of misfortune.

Beautiful Grace Darmond was
chosen to play the woman's role as
being the most typical of the spirit
of defiant and yet wistful femininity.
Mahlon Hamilton will be seen as
the cynic while Clyde Fillmore
interprets the optimist's character.
The three are among the best
known screen artists but were
chosen primarily because they have
been highly successful in similar
roles before.

GREAT FLOOD SCENE.

The spectacle of millions of tons
of swirling water rushing over the
banks of a river, smashing a huge
dam into a thousand flying frag-
ments and spreading destruction for
miles about, presents one of the
most realistic and thrilling scenes
ever converted to the silver screen in
"The Call of Home," R-C Pictures
spectacular production.

The foregoing is but a brief pic-
ture of one of the big thrill scenes
that place R-C's latest Gamier pro-
duction almost in a class by itself
for sheer entertainment. The hurst-
ing of the dam; the harrowing
experience of Ramsey Wallace who
in the role of the hero is catapulted
from the huge structure into the
raging waters as the dam goes to
pieces; the swift rush of the water
over the submerged whole village
—these are the scenes that make
"The Call of Home" a picture of
thrills and excitement.

"BEAT" THE PRESS.

FILM AUTHOR SCORES A
"SCOOP."

Many motion picture plots and
fiction stories have been built on
happenings in the day's news. Let
a big murder or big event of nation-
wide importance occur, and maga-
zine editors know they will read the
story of it in manuscripts as well as
in the daily papers.

But here is the story of a film
play produced in secret lest its
sensational idea be "copped" by
some other producing company, but
which, when completed, is multi-
plied in value by a sudden trend in
the day's news.

"Legally Dead," the Universal
attraction at the World Theatre
soon, was written by Charles
Furthmann around an idea of great
interest to all people who live and
breathe and expect to die in the
usual manner. It tells the story of
science's newest wonder—adrena-
lin, the salt from animal glands
which to-day is bringing dead peo-
ple back to life—not quite the usual
thing.

But when Mr. Furthmann wrote
"Legally Dead," the news of
adrenalin had not yet leaked out.
That was three years ago. Even a
few weeks ago, when Universal,
after some producers had constant-
ly laughed at the idea of "photo-
graphing dreams," put the story
into production, the adrenalin
phenomenon had not yet assumed
any position in the daily news.

But within a week from the time
production started the story which was
considered improbable and illogical,
became a front-page reality in the
newspapers of the entire world.
"Legally Dead," therefore, con-
stitutes what in newspaper parlance
would be called a "scoop" on the
journalistic profession.

"Legally Dead" tells the story of
a man with an insatiable mania for
uncovering the injustice of circum-
stantial evidence of convictions in
murder cases. He is a newspaper
man and from his observation of
cases, believes that a large per-
centage of convicted murderers are
not murderers at all. To satisfy this
mania he counts burglary to get
into the penitentiary where he can
study the "victims." Incidents
that follow, with pathos and sym-
pathy, put him in the very position of
being convicted of a murder charge.
Innocent, he is nevertheless danger-
ous.

That would seem to end the story,
but the fact that he is innocent
from the start does not mean that
he is not a danger to life by
stealing and tampering with
evidence.



GRACE DARMOND IN "THE MIDNIGHT GUEST"
A UNIVERSAL ATTRACTION

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DRIVEN

The Dramatic Gem of the Year

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BECAUSE

It is presented by a superb cast, in-
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COMMERCIAL NOTES.

SUGAR MARKET RECOVERS.

After a relapse which saw a drop of about thirty cents per picul all round, the local sugar market recovered on the strength of cable advice from Java to the effect that prices there had advanced about 30 cents (Java currency) per Java picul.

This morning, a number of buyers were active and the market opened strongly. No. 24 rough white being in demand. Spot lots were sold at an average of \$16.15 per picul usual guild terms. No. 24 fine white was nominal at \$15.60 after which two small lots were sold at \$15.45 and \$15.40 respectively. No. 18 rough brown was quoted at \$14.40.

RICE MARKET WEAK.

The rice market is weak although stocks are small. No. 1 Siam long white (superior) was quoted this morning at \$8.38 per picul, usual guild terms, and ordinary quality at \$8.10.

FLOUR PRICES.

Our flour market is inactive. This morning's rates for spot goods were as follows:—

Dayton	\$2.83
Mollise Fairy	2.80
Kwan Tao	2.78
Sperry's XXX	3.58
White Greens	2.90
Nutmeg Orange	2.85
Big Gum	2.94
C. & C.	2.84
White Rose	2.79

MANCHESTER COMMENT.

Messrs. Morrean & Spiegelberg, Manchester, report under date October 17 as follows:—

Cotton.—For American the market has been quiet, but in Egyptian a limited turnover is reported. Rates in both sections are unchanged, with an upward tendency.

Yarns.—Spinners are asking advanced prices, but there is an absence of offers for weight.

Cloth.—The advance recorded during the past few days has made business still more difficult to arrange. The offers which were not far off negotiation last week-end have been put out of court altogether, and the actual trade passing has been of very restricted lines.

The Indian demand is chiefly for Calcutta for mulls and jaconets and for Madras for jaconets and low bleaching cloths. Lawns are wanted for Rangoon.

The China demand shows no signs of expansion. Low bids are repeated with little hope of acceptance, for greys and bleaching shirtings.

More trade has gone through for Java in the last few days in Cambrics and bleaching cloths. Of the smaller Far Eastern markets there is nothing fresh to report.

South America provides a miscellaneous inquiry, but transactions are on a small scale and the same may be said of the home trade.

A reduction in dyeing prices is the subject of discussion between dyers and merchants, and it is hoped that a big reduction will be made so as to consolidate Manchester trade and put it on a firmer basis.

Messrs. James F. Hutton & Co. Ltd., Manchester, write under date October 7, as follows:—

Sentiment in the cotton market has again undergone a rapid change and a strong upward movement has been in evidence. In the first place it is believed that the reports of curtailed production in the United States textile industries have been much exaggerated. The prevalence of extremely unfavourable weather for the American crop and very unsatisfactory advices from the growing States have also strengthened the belief that the last Bureau report substantially overestimated the yield. In some quarters the view is expressed that the crop will be at least half a million bales less than estimated. Time alone can show which of these forecasts is nearer to being correct, but the uncertainty is again causing some nervousness as to the outlook for supplies. The American trade is apparently anxious on this account and fairly heavy buying has taken place. Even on this side spinners are showing more interest in the position and speculators have in consequence been stimulated into heavy short covering. It is stated that the grade of the American cotton crop has suffered severely through insect damage and unfavourable weather, and that the higher grades will be very scarce. In the Manchester market there has been a moderate amount of new cloth enquiry. The demand for low and medium makes, which have been so quiet recently, has indeed encouraged hopes of a substantial increase of trading. Offers have been more frequent but unfortunately the new advance of cotton has necessitated a rise in prices here, which has imposed a further restriction on business in negotiation. In fancy styles and the better makes, a certain amount of business is still going through, but the aggregate turnover is probably somewhat reduced. In yards there has been little change, beyond some inquiry for the finer grades, and

demand shows no improvement.

Prices are advanced about 3d. per lb. Buying for China is still weak; a few fancy and dyed styles only have been sold. For India a fair trade has been done in dhooties also some dyed and printed styles, fancies, and light whites, but new offers are generally found much too low. For Egypt, the Near East and South America there has been a miscellaneous enquiry but little weight of actual business.

KOWLOON AFFAIRS.

ACTIVITIES OF THE K.R.A.

We have received the following resumé of the activities of the Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association during the past few weeks:—

KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

In a letter to the Government, relative to the extreme tardiness which continues to mark the construction of the proposed Kowloon Hospital, the Association expressed its regret that, judging from the speeches made during the recent Budget Debate, the Government does not view the completion of the hospital as a matter of urgency, apparently because "prospective patients are not over-taxed the resources of other institutions in the Colony, more especially the Peak Hospital." It was again pointed out to the Government that in the opinion of the Association not only does there exist a need for the Kowloon Hospital, but an urgent need, regarding which statistics from other institutions can be no possible index. The Association further pointed out that if the Government spends at the rate provided for in the Estimates, the work cannot be finished before the end of 1925—a date two years later than that first promised. It stated that on looking round the Colony and seeing the virtual completion of such big buildings as the new offices of the A.P.C., the building on the site of the old Post Office and Supreme Court, the new P. & O. Offices and the new Bank of Canton, all of which were started subsequent to the levelling of the site of Kowloon's hospital, there was every reason to ask why the foundations of the hospital building had not yet been laid. It suggested that if Government Departments and contractors were overloaded with

other work, then the construction of the Hospital should be contracted out to private firms.

TRAFFIC TANGLE.
The attention of the Telephone Company has been drawn to the fact that several complaints have been received by the Association regarding the obstruction caused to subscribers in Kowloon. In reply the Company has stated that as a result of the typhoon on August 18, the main submarine cable carrying the junction lines between the Kowloon and Central Exchanges was so badly damaged that only a restricted service could be maintained. Further, that the typhoon wrought such havoc with the outside plant that it was extremely difficult during an abnormal period to maintain a normal service.

During the present month a sub-committee of the Association met the Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe) at the Kowloon Ferry wharf and conferred with him on the desirability of effecting some improvement in the traffic control at this point. A tentative scheme was eventually agreed upon for submission to the Government, and it is hoped that this will shortly be put into operation.

CORONATION ROAD.
A further letter was addressed to the Government again calling attention to the dangerous bend at the junction of Nathan and Coronation Roads, expressing the hope that the quarrying of stone then being carried out on the site would not hinder the straightening of this portion of roadway. In reply, the Government has stated that already tenders have been invited for the removal of the obstruction, and that it is hoped before long to abolish the present dangerous curve.

Referring to the unsatisfactory condition of the surface of Gascoigne Road, the Association urged upon the Government the necessity for immediate repairs in the interests of public safety. Since writing to the Government, the work of re-surfacing has been commenced and the central standard lamps are being replaced by suspended lights across the roadway, thus giving a clear passage to traffic.

OTHER MATTERS.
During the period under review the Association has also addressed letters to the Government and Heads of Departments regarding the inadequate police protection in Kowloon, the commitment of nuisances by richa coolies in Kimberley Road, and the insanitary condition of the sidewalks in Nathan and Halphong Roads.

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VOTING CONTEST.
OUR \$50 PRIZE.

POPULAR CHRISTIAN NAMES.

What are the most popular Christian names? This week we give the first list—twenty boys' names. Write them out in their correct order and win our \$50 prize. Other lists will follow each week, including girls' names. After these lists have all been decided, still further contests will be held to decide the finals. For each event every week we will give our usual \$50 prize. Someone must win! Why not you?

Twenty Christian names are given below. Select the ten you consider the most popular and write them out in the order of your choice. Then cut the form out and send it to the "China Mail" office marked "Vote."

The list which comes nearest the correct solution will win the prize. The correct solution will be decided by the general vote, the item polling the most votes being placed first, the one coming next being placed second and so on until the list of ten is completed.

Therefore the secret of the contest is Not to select the ten most popular items in alphabetical order from our list. But to select the ten most popular names from our list and judge what place each individually will occupy—which will come first, which second, and so on until all ten have been placed.

The contest lasts from Monday to Saturday. The result will be announced in the "China Mail" on the succeeding Wednesday, when the winner's name will be published along with the correct list.

Every copy of the "China Mail" contains one form giving the reader one try for the prize. Regular readers thus have not less than six tries in one week. Competition may send in as many forms as they like.

Forms should be sent in to reach the "China Mail" by Monday. Any forms received by the "China Mail" later than Monday will be discounted.

When making your choice use only the words given below. Any forms wrongly marked, mutilated, or indistinctly written will be ruled out.

The decision of the Editor upon any points which may arise shall be final. Members of the "China Mail" staff are debarred from entering the contest.

MAKE YOUR CHOICE HERE

Below we give twenty Christian names. Select the ten you think the most popular.

- 1... Alfred
- 2... Alexander
- 3... Augustus
- 4... Bernard
- 5... Christopher
- 6... Outhbert
- 7... Donald
- 8... Edmund
- 9... Eric
- 10... Frank
- 11... Gerald
- 12... Gregory
- 13... Horace
- 14... Jack
- 15... Kenneth
- 16... Michael
- 17... Owen
- 18... Percy
- 19... Ralph
- 20... Robert

CUT THIS OUT

To the Editor
China Mail, Hongkong, November 17, 1923.
Hongkong.

Sir,
I consider the following the ten most popular Christian names from the above list, placed in the order in which I think they are liked best:—

Please write clearly in block letters.

- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....

Name

Address

Next Week—Boys' Names Second List.



Boy Scouts have offered their services through the American Red Cross to aid in any way they can the sufferers of the earthquake, tidal wave and fire in Japan.



Ann Pennington, beautiful dancer, has been reported as secretly married to Brooke Johns, her leading man in "Jack and Jill." Miss Pennington denies the rumour.



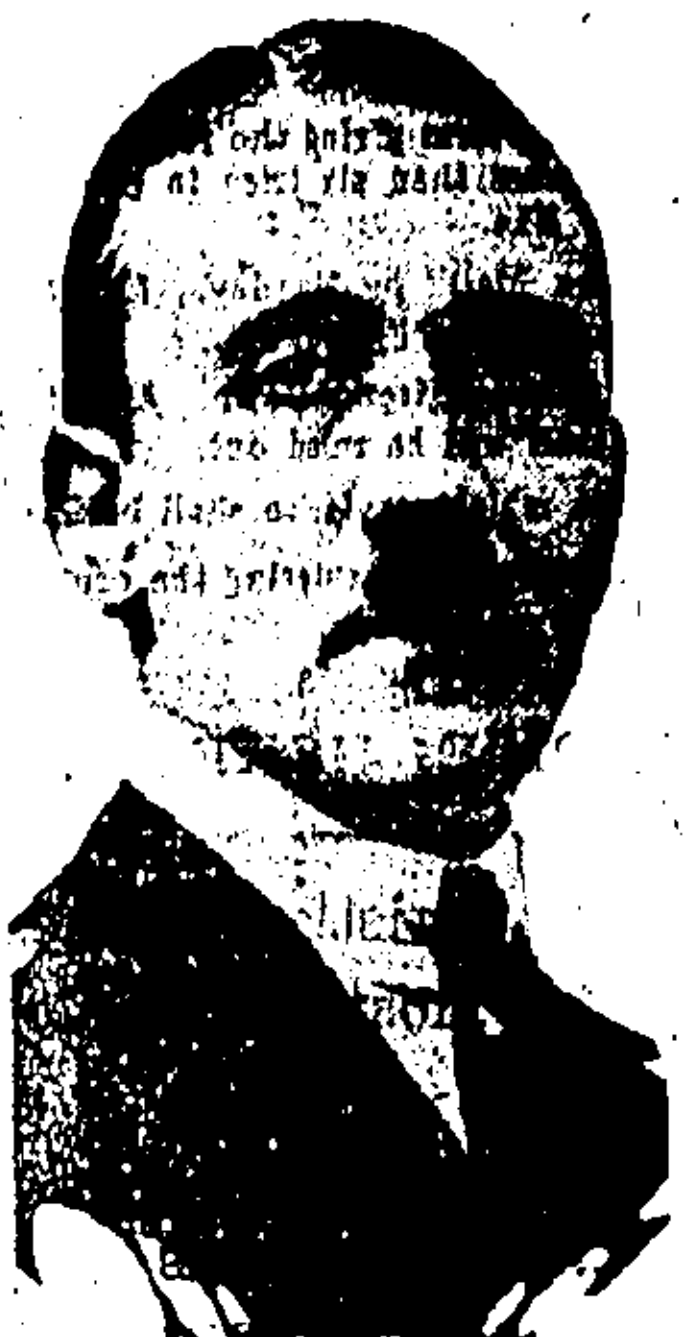
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Brigadier-General Charles E. Sawyer, physician to President Coolidge, towers five feet five inches into the air. Brigadier-General Charles G. Dawes, who was Chief Purchasing Agent of the A. E. F., is a pygmy of six feet, and muscular. He is better known as "Hell and Maria" because of the rapid-fire way he told Congressmen they were pinheads three years ago. Recently the two left the White House, after a conference with President Coolidge and newspaper photographers asked them to pose. General Dawes is particularly averse to this form of outdoor amusement and was saying so in his characteristic fashion, when General Sawyer, selected him with five words: "Don't talk so damned much!" he said, and the great Dawes quailed down and posed for his photograph.



After crossing the ocean alone in a 30 foot cutter, built 32 years ago, coming through three raging hurricanes in 142 days, Alain J. Gerbault, French international tennis star, has reached New York in a semi-exhausted state. But he is already looking for another, smaller boat, to continue his single-handed tour of the world. He sailed from Cannes, France, on April 5, and landed at Fort Totten, Long Island, after traversing 5,600 miles of ocean. He was often without sleep for four days at a time, and for 48 hours was unconscious from illness.



Adolf Hitler.

This is the first and only known photograph in existence of Adolf Hitler, the much-talked-of leader of the German National Socialist Party, the German Fascists, which has gained so much ground in Bavaria.



Captain-General Primo Rivera.

Captain-General Primo Rivera, the Marquis de Estella, who commanded the Spanish troops in Barcelona, has been appointed Dictator of Spain as a result of the mutiny of the Spanish army and the overthrow of the Cabinet. He has started widespread reforms.

Here is a late photograph of Walter S. Ward, millionaire baker, who has been placed on trial on the charge of murdering Clarence Peters, a former Marine, whom Ward says he shot to death to foil a blackmail plot. Ward's wife, Mrs. Beryl Ward, will probably take the stand for her husband.



Mrs. George J. Gould.

A thrilling romance in a romantic family has been spiked by the denial, in New York, by Mrs. George J. Gould, Sr., widow of George J. Gould that she is soon to marry George Jr., Gould, J., her stepson. "We are great friends—that is all," said the widow. All the Goulds have married for love. George Gould married Edith Kingdon, a noted theatrical star, against his father's wishes. Six months after she dropped dead while playing golf with him he married beautiful Guinevere Sinclair and later admitted he was the father of her children. Every one of his sons, including George, Jr., who is now divorced, eloped against his wishes.



Dr. Wilhelm Cuno, former German Chancellor, has reached New York, asserting he came merely as a business man, and yet as a representative of his country. He is largely interested in German shipping, but his arrival, just as the Germans are ending their passive resistance in the Ruhr and talking of an international loan, is significant.



Ernest Toller, famous German poet and playwright, was a leader of the Munich Soviet Government during the time the Reds held that city, and in 1919 he commanded the abortive Red Army, put down by the German Government. Now like the rest of his command, he is serving a long term in the Niederschoenfeld Prison. Continued efforts are being made by the German Communists in the Reichstag to effect his release.



This tree, uniquely carved, was completed by Mr. and Mrs. George E. Carr (shown above), after ten years' constant work. The couple recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and it was to commemorate 50 years of happy married life that they made the carving.



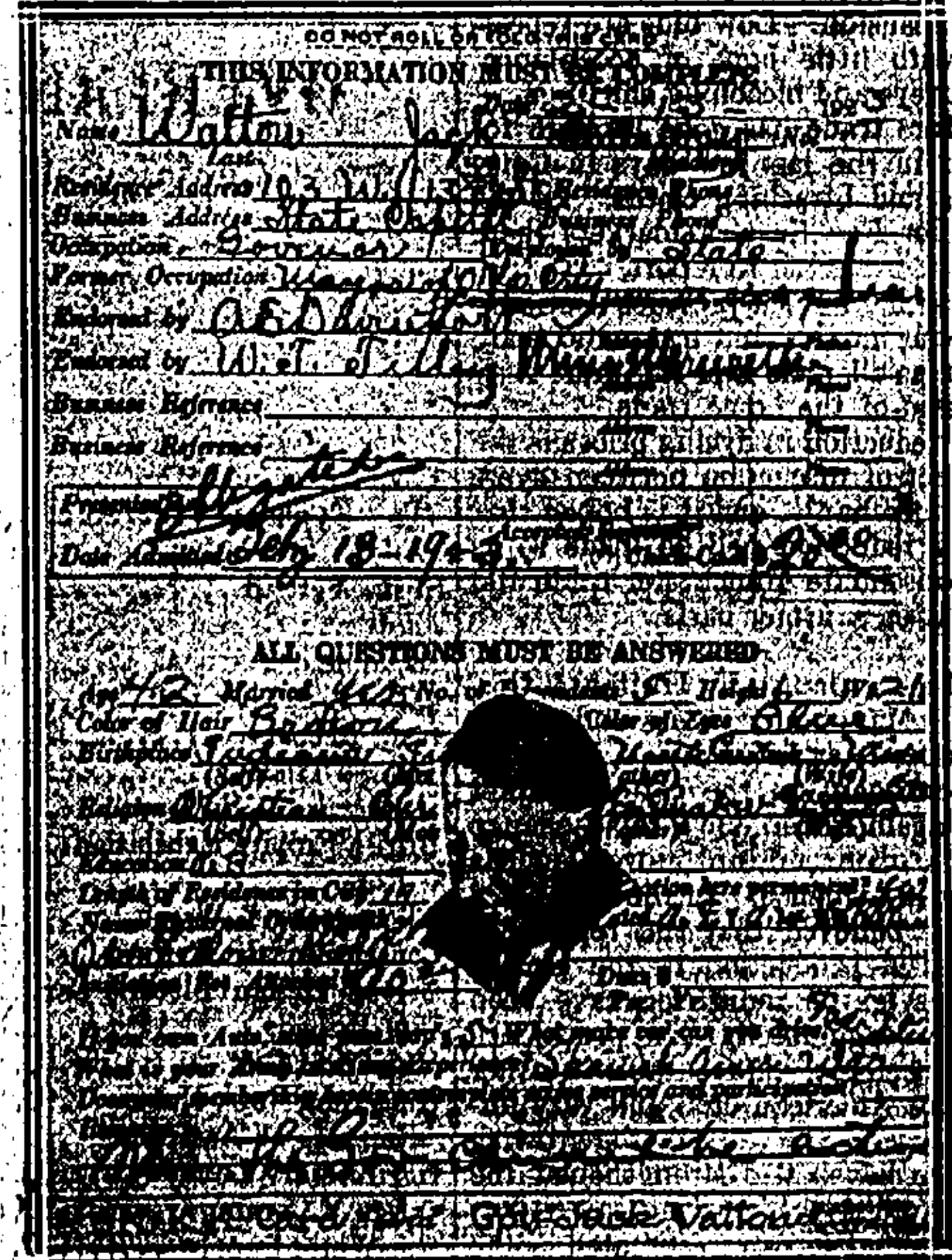
Miss Virginia Frederika Stanley, immensely wealthy heiress and society girl, has eloped and been married to William John Scripps, the 17-year-old son of a millionaire.



It has been announced in Milan, Italy, that Senator Guglielmo Marconi, famous inventor of the wireless and a member of the Italian Senate, has become a member of the Fascists, which was organized to oppose radicalism.

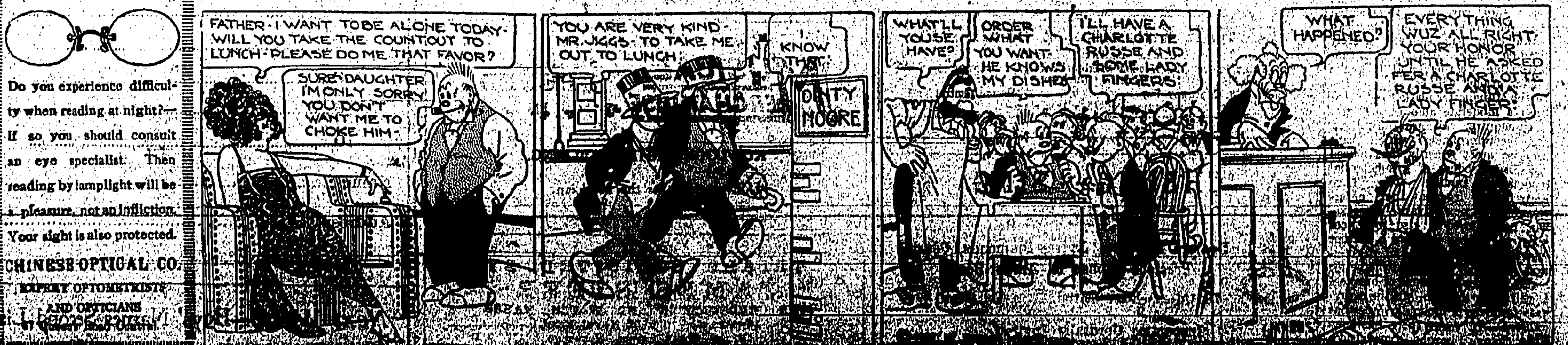


When the web pressmen of New York declared what their own International President, George L. Berry, alleged was an "illegal strike," they effectually closed down the regular publication of New York newspapers. With what few pressmen they could obtain, the New York newspapers combined and issued one eight-page paper, with the vignette of all in the corner of the issue.



Governor J. C. Walton, of Oklahoma, is facing impeachment at the hands of the State Legislature for his use of troops in quelling the Ku Klux Klan. Above is shown a photographic reproduction of both sides of a membership card in the Ku Klux Klan, alleged by the Klansmen to be a record of the membership of Governor Walton. While the card is made out in the Governor's name and bears correct details, he charges it was made out to embarrass him and that he never asked for membership and never accepted it.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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HOME PORT.

LONDON, Nov. 16.

The King, in his proclamation speech, regrets the failure to secure the assent of the French Government of a Reparations Commission of enquiry and regards with profound anxiety the continuance of the present economic conditions in Europe. The serious situation which has developed in Germany is engaging the close and earnest attention of the Government. Earnest hopes are expressed that the conclusion of the Lausanne Treaty will bring real peace in the Near East.

It is pointed out that negotiations are proceeding with the United States for a settlement of the illicit importation of liquor difficulties. His Majesty deprecates the disaster which has befallen Japan and expresses the heart-felt sympathy of the country with the Japanese Government and people—our former Allies and close friends—who are bearing this national tragedy with characteristic fortitude and heroism.

The conferences with Ministers from the Dominions and representatives from India were marked throughout by a spirit of great cordiality and goodwill. "Particular attention was devoted to the promotion of trade settlement within the Empire, on which the well-being of my people so largely depends. I am convinced that meetings of this kind are of the highest value in promoting a spirit of mutual co-operation amongst my people at Home and overseas."

The King's speech concludes with an expression of deep anxiety regarding the position of agriculture and continued unemployment any says: "My Ministers are convinced that unless measures for the safeguarding and development of the Home market are adopted no permanent improvement in the situation can be expected."

JAPANESE RECONSTRUCTION PLANS.

TOKYO, November 15.

To-day Baron Goto, in his capacity as President of the Reconstruction Board, submitted to the Advisory Council the Board's final drafts of the plan of reconstruction for Tokyo and Yokohama. The plan provides for Trunk Roads from 90 to 180 feet wide, parks, markets and fireproof zones; also for Yokohama as a port capital, with improved water communications between the two cities.

The Yokohama Municipality has passed the estimate of 521 million Yen for restoration. Martial laws in Tokyo and Yokohama cease to-night.

The Asahi Jiji and other newspapers express dissatisfaction at the budget as showing insufficient reconstruction, considering the present situation of Japan.

NEXT MEETING OF PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, November 15.

The next meeting of the British Parliament will be on December 20.

BRITISH STEEL INDUSTRY.

LONDON, November 15.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Isaac Foot, Sir P. Lloyd George said that it was impossible to state with certainty, but he believed that millions of steel had at present accumulated in the Ruhr Valley.

The British Government were communicating with other Governments with a view to safeguarding British interests in regard to the importation of this steel into Great Britain.

U.S. PRESIDENCY.

CHICAGO, November 15.

Senator Johnson of California has announced his intention to present himself for Republican nomination for the Presidency. He declares that the ensuing contest will determine whether the Republican Party shall be a permanent instrument of reaction or whether it will respond to present-day conditions and aspirations.

The Senator adds that he favors a revitalized Republican Party which would be an instrument neither of state reaction nor destructive radicalism. He expresses opposition to the League of Nations and "all its subsidiaries."

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FROM SHANGHAI.

Nov. 19.—O.S.K. Alabama Maru, 23—J.C.J.L. Tjikembang.

FROM SINGAPORE.

Nov. 31.—U.S.S.B. West Prospect.

FROM JAVA.

Nov. 20.—J.C.J.L. Santa Pandjara, 20—J.C.J.L. Tjilwang.

FROM MANILA.

Dec. 2.—U.S.S.B. West Marwah.

FROM JAPAN.

Nov. 26.—J.C.J.L. Tjilalak.

FROM CALCUTTA.

Nov. 27.—B. I. Tskada.

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Dec. 10.—E. & A. Arafura.

Dec. 12.—E. & A. St. Albans.

Feb. 1.—E. & A. Eastern.

Mar. 7.—E. & A. Arafura.

Apr. 4.—E. & A. St. Albans.

FROM YANCOUVER.

Nov. 19.—C.P.S. Empress of Russia.

Dec. 12.—B. F. Achilles.

Jan. 10.—B. F. Tyndareus.

Feb. 2.—B. F. Achilles.

Mar. 19.—B. F. Achilles.

Apr. 9.—B. F. Tyndareus.

FROM LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO.

Nov. 23.—S. & D. West Iran.

FROM SEATTLE.

Nov. 19.—A.O.L. Fred McKinley.

Dec. 2.—A.O.L. Wlad Montana.

Jan. 13.—B. F. Tyndareus.

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FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.

Nov. 23.—J.C.J.L. Zouma.

Dec. 19.—H.A.L. Oldokert.

Jan. 30.—H.A.L. Rheinland.

FROM LONDON.

Nov. 23.—G. L. Carmarthenshire.

Dec. 2.—P. & O. Soudan.

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HONGKONG TIDES.

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The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 4 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 6 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 10 inches to the height given in the table.

November 14 to 20, 1923.

High Water Low Water

Subsidiary Coins.

Hongkong 10 cents sub. 3 1/2 p.m.

Canton coins 10 1/2 p.m.

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Chinese Copper Cash 8 1/2 p.m.

Chinese Copper Cents 8 1/2 p.m.

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Chinese Sub. Coin 20 1/2 p.m.

Hongkong Sub. Coin 10 1/2 p.m.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 16th, 1923.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

Names Stock Exchange Sharebrokers' Association.

H.S.B.C. T.T. selling rate

and on Shanghai 9 1/2

Hongkong Bank 10 1/2

Chartered Bank 10 1/2

P. & O. Bank 10 1/2

East Asia Bank 10 1/2

Mercantile Bank 10 1/2

Marine Insurance

Canton Insurance 10 1/2

North China Insurance 10 1/2

Union Insurance 10 1/2

Insurance Yacht 10 1/2

Far Eastern 10 1/2

Fire Insurance

China Fire Insurance 10 1/2

Hongkong Fire Insurance 10 1/2

Shanghai Fire Insurance 10 1/2

Do. 10 1/2

H.K. Steamboats 10 1/2

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

HEAD OFFICE HONGKONG.

Authorized Capital \$10,000,000

Reserve Fund \$5,000,000

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THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: No. 10, Des Voeux Road, Central.

Established 1919.

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Reserve Fund \$5,000,000

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